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WINNER'S CIRCLE

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WINNER'S CIRCLE

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Expressing her individuality during Spirit Week, **Aimée Smith** prepares to attack the next calculus problem.

Entangled in crimson and gold, **Cindy Bell** displays her senior spirit. A special day was set aside for school colors during Homecoming week.

Fighting over a Whopper, **Ora Trowell** and **Craig Schofield** enjoy a break from school food.

With her face painted for spirit day, **Kelly Ward** looks forward to the afternoon pep rally and the night's game.

By destroying his pants and a bandanna, **Brian Daughtery** shows off his school spirit and his piano playing talents.

PERSONALIZING TRADITIONS

Our Individuality Shines Through

It was August, 1980, and the new high school in Aiken had opened up, housed in half of the old Schofield campus. The school had been given a name and mascot by the Aiken County School Board, but the other traditions were up to the students and faculty.

From the beginning we were "Bred To Be Different." *Winner's Circle,* the name of the yearbook was chosen to avoid using the mascot's name. The first yearbook cover was patterned after a popular record album; the staff wanted to make a bold statement that their yearbook was going to be different from Aiken High's yearbook.

The breeding has continued. Eight years later people still notice that a mark of individuality is imprinted on school projects. Because of its size, there is a closeness that most schools lack. "It's a wonderful feeling to walk into a place with so many people and realize that they're all your friends," said sophomore Elizabeth McKay. At a school with friends on every corner it's hard not to have spirit. From pep rallies to sports events, to clubs, to classroom activities, the Thoroughbred spirit continually rises.

PERSONALIZING TRADITIONS

Traits of a Rare Breed

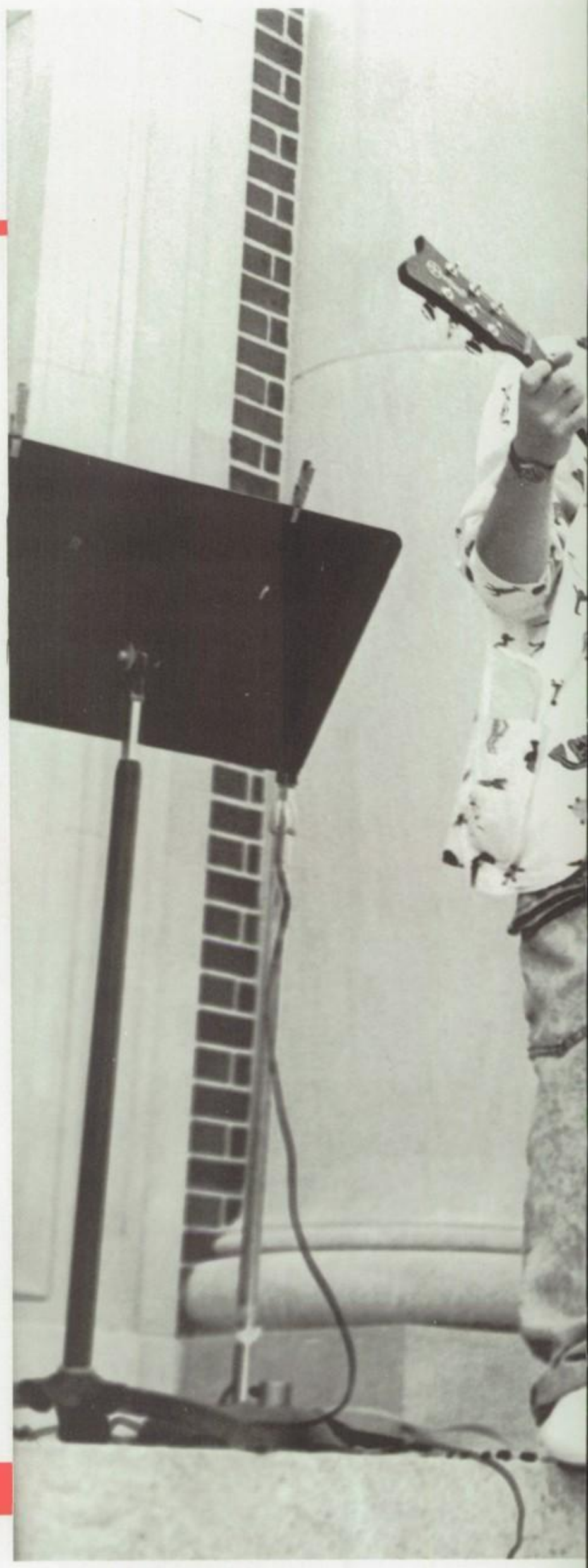
The sports teams are a breed apart, too. Last year, the volleyball team was ranked second in the state while both tennis teams held first. The track team took first in the Conference and second in the state. The golf team captured the first place in the state. The boys' and girls' basketball teams both won Conference titles, and the Lady Thoroughbreds went on to become the second ranked team in South Carolina. What keeps us going to achieve our goals? The people: teachers, administrators, and the students.

The administrators spend their summer organizing classes and putting together over 1200 schedules for the coming school year.

The teachers also work during the summer. They prepare classrooms, lessons, and fun ways to learn. In Mrs. Nashatker's Spanish I classes, students play Spanish bingo to help them learn their letters and numbers. In Mrs. Richter's English IIIA classes, students get the chance to teach their fellow classmates about early American literature.

Contina Jimerson said that teachers "want the students to have fun and learn at the same time."

Between school and homework, students put on plays, take part in clubs, attend sports events, and go all out to make every year the best year ever. Not only are students getting an education, they are also gaining friends and creating memories. Striving for excellence is a part of the Thoroughbred tradition of being "Bred To Be Different."



Displaying his musical talent, **Cliff Dyches** entertains spectators at Aiken's Makin'.

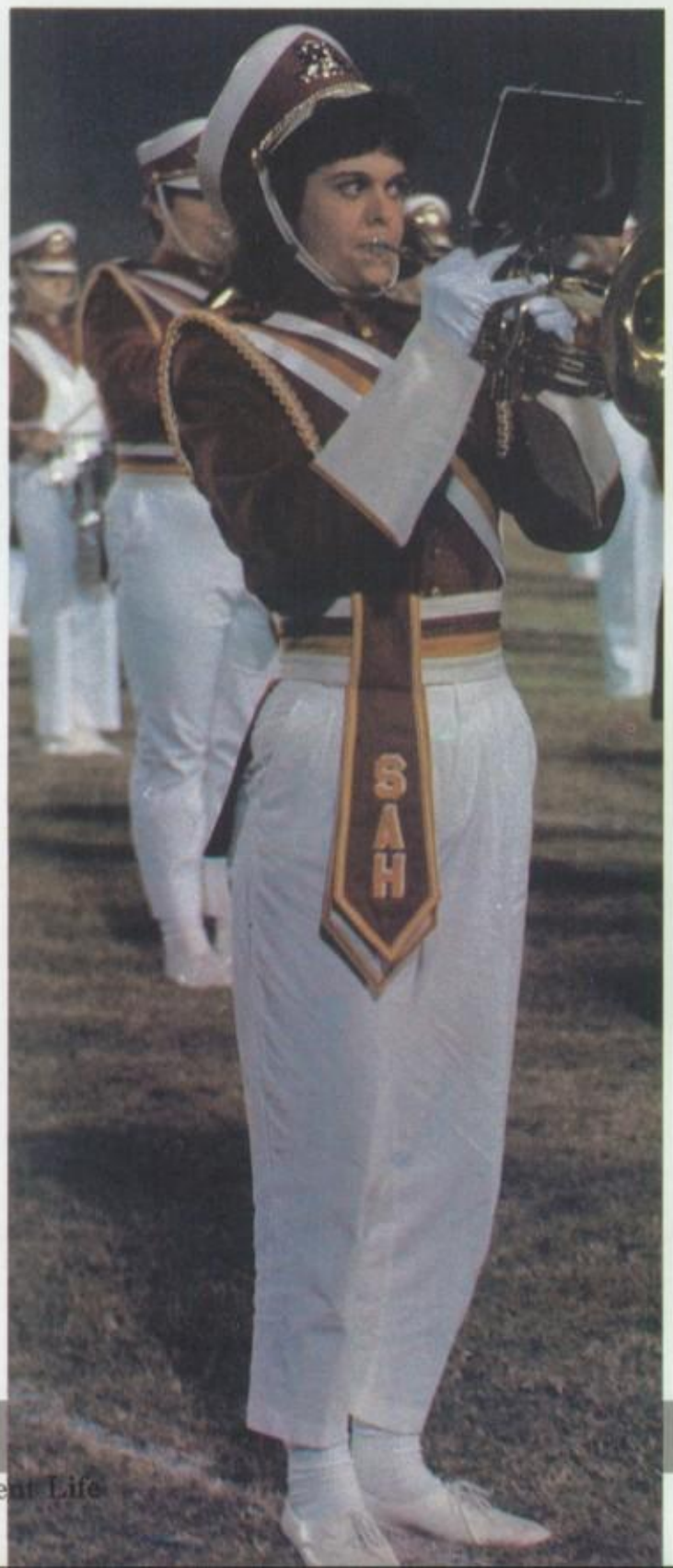
After four difficult classes, **Connie Turner** and **Brenda Hicks** take time out for a chat at lunch.

Relieving her load, **Rachael Blitch** shows that three hands are needed to handle school books.

Christine Oesterheld, the German exchange student, exhibits her school spirit as she plays in her first American pep rally during Spirit Week.

Touching up her eyeliner, **Joy Godbee,** a member of the chorus, nervously awaits the opening scene in the production of **Babes in Arms,** held in April, 1987.

To exhibit extra school spirit, **Tommy Walton** joins the entire band as they perform for the Spirit Week pep rally. This is the first time the entire band has played at a pep rally.



With concentration, **Hillary Anderson** watches the Drum Major during the half-time festivities for Homecoming.

The Art of Making Up A Student's Life

Choosing From Life's Buffet

High school life is not a nine to five thing. There is more to a student than school work and tight schedules, which is something that the Thoroughbreds never seem to forget. Friends, football games, and school spirit begin to form the overall concept of true student life and through these we prove that we are, without a doubt, "Bred To Be Different."

Education is an important part of everyone's life, but there is more to school than books. Learning takes place at games, at work, and out with friends.

Throughout all aspects of student life we prove that we are, without a doubt, "Bred To Be Different."

MONDAYS CRUNCH OUR MINDS

Getting Started on Yesterday Today

"BUZZZ! Good morning CSRA. This is Marvelous Mark on a rainy Monday morning. Now let's head out for a traffic report from Bunny Shore, Mobile 4."

"I've got to get up . . . well maybe I can sleep a little longer . . . Oh-No! I'm going to be late again."

When that alarm goes off it's time to start the day. The dreams of stardom, happiness and riches vanish with the start of the school morning. Into the shower and the first thoughts come: "What homework do I have to finish? What am I going to wear? Am I going to be late again today?" Out of the shower and on to more important things. Breakfast!

Finally, the hair is neat, the bed is made, and the teeth are brushed. It's off to school.

By first period students are starting to wake up. "It's hard to think about what you're doing that early in the morning," stated Sophomore Peter Tiffany. "School should start later!"

After school students have many different activities. Some have jobs while others are in plays, clubs, or sports.

When dinner and homework are finished students have time to themselves. Among the favorite things to do are attend sporting events, visit friends, and participate in community activities. Tyler Bledsoe echoes the sentiments of most students when he says, "By the time I get everything done, it's too late to do anything. It's a real bust!"

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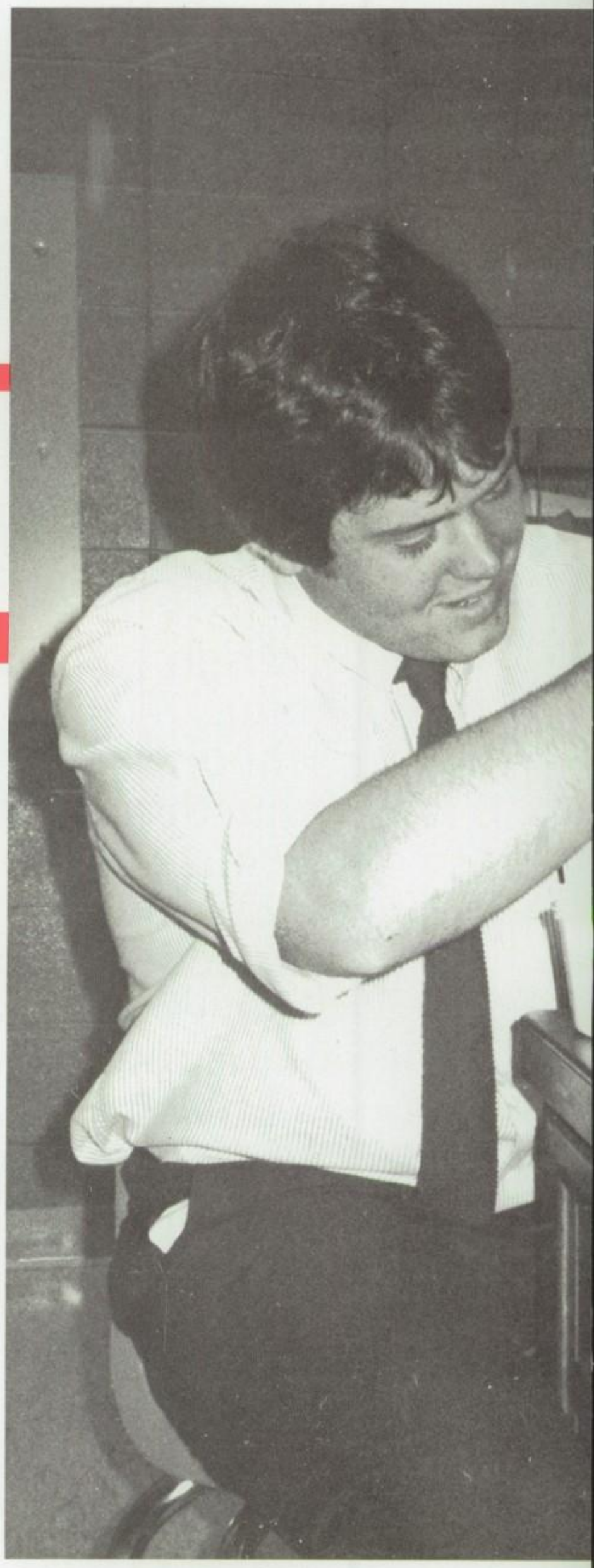


Looking for the prize, **Tim Coakley** finishes his box of Captain Crunch.

Battling the cavity creeps is one of **Stephenie Lloyd's** morning tasks.

Demonstrating an important part of every girl's morning, **Terri Langford** carefully applies her makeup.

Sisters **Jennifer** and **Jessica Borden** argue over who gets to wear their favorite maroon sweater.

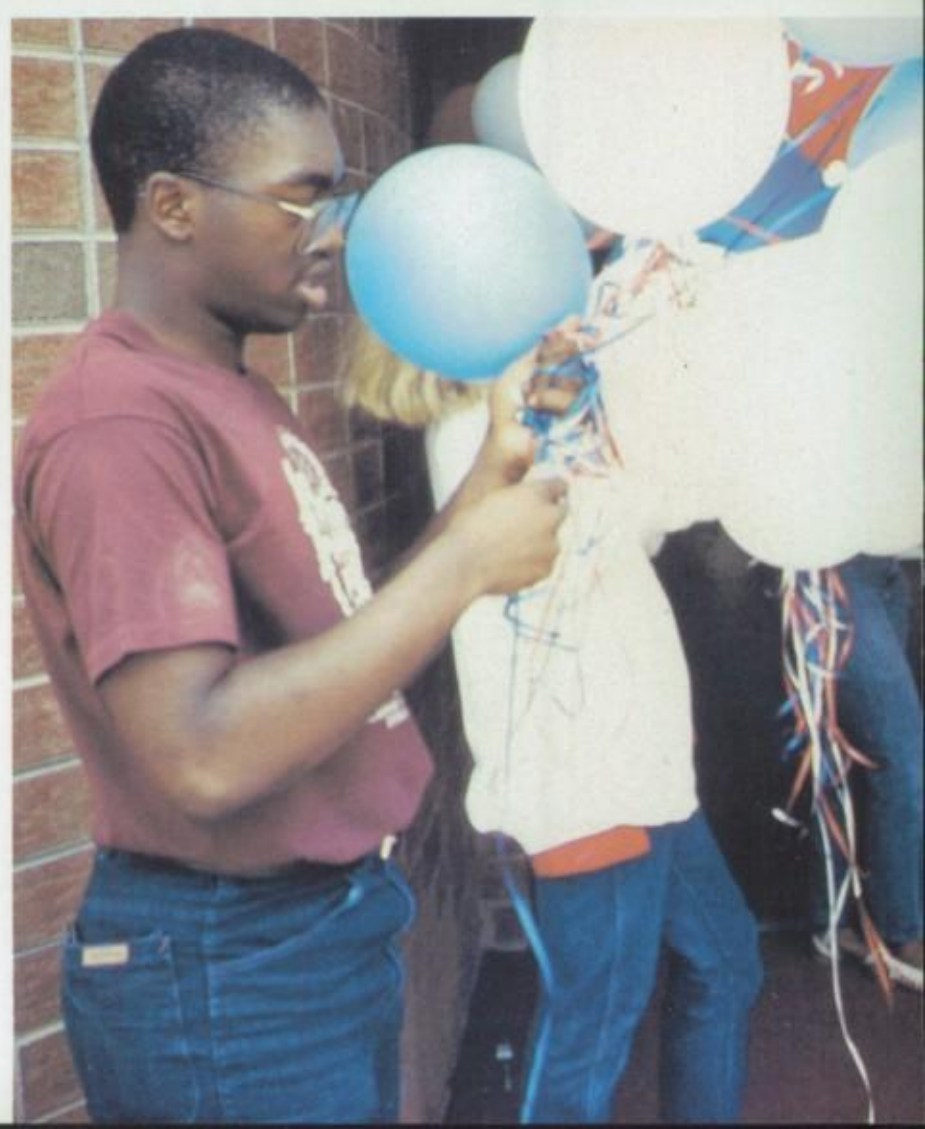
Cheryl Burris carefully curls her hair, an art that takes time to master.

Dressed accordingly in red, white, and blue, **Misty Braun** shows her American spirit. She prepares to pass out balloons for students who rush outside.

Baffled, **Marcus Dicks** tries to untangle the balloons for Constitution Day.

Donald Corey anticipates the excitement to come as he watches the students gather outside in front of the school.

Showing respect, **Stacey Burgess** watches the flag rise while the band plays "America, The Beautiful."



BURSTING WITH SPIRIT

Constitution's 200th Birthday . . . Our Country's Tradition

The Constitution's 200th birthday was Thursday, September 17, an anniversary proudly celebrated by the school. The main focus of the day was expressed in a rally held at the end of the day. It was here that everyone assembled to recognize the United States Constitution as the basis for the oldest working democracy in the history of the world.

The student body, encouraged to wear red, white, and blue to show pride in our country, assembled at 2:30 p.m. in front of the flagpole. As the American flag was raised, the NJROTC stood at attention and the students were silent. Mr. Dawsey welcomed the crowd and Christy Tinnes read the Preamble to the Constitution. Then, with the massive Stars and Stripes flapping in the wind, Joel Jones, the school's first student council president, addressed the assembly. In his speech, he stressed pride in one's country, faith in God, and the personal desire to "be whatever you want to be." After the message, current student council president Christy Tinnes led the student body in the Pledge of Allegiance and several patriotic songs. At the climax of the celebration, 1000 red, white, and blue balloons were released as symbols of the pride each student has for his nation and its leaders.

> . . . Messengers to the world that our school did not forget to honor the Constitution's birthday.

No one could help but be touched at the sight of the eastern sky filled with waves of balloons, each of them messengers to the rest of the world that our school did not forget to honor the Constitution's birthday.

Following the speech of the first student body president, **Joel Jones,** the students released their red, white, and blue balloons. An assembly was held Sept. 17 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Constitution.

FRIENDSHIP: A WARM TRADITION

Filling the Need to be Needed

Why have friends? You won't die if you don't have any friends. Life is easier because you don't have to plan around their schedules. There are plenty of things you can do by yourself for fun. Friends aren't necessary.

Wrong. Everyone needs a friend. People need companionship and the knowledge that someone cares. Barbara Jennings related and said that she needs friends to "stick by you and trust you, no matter what."

People also need friends to talk to. Everyone gets blue once in a while, and a friend can pick you up. Angel Snader said, "It's nice to know you have someone to trust and to discuss your problems with."

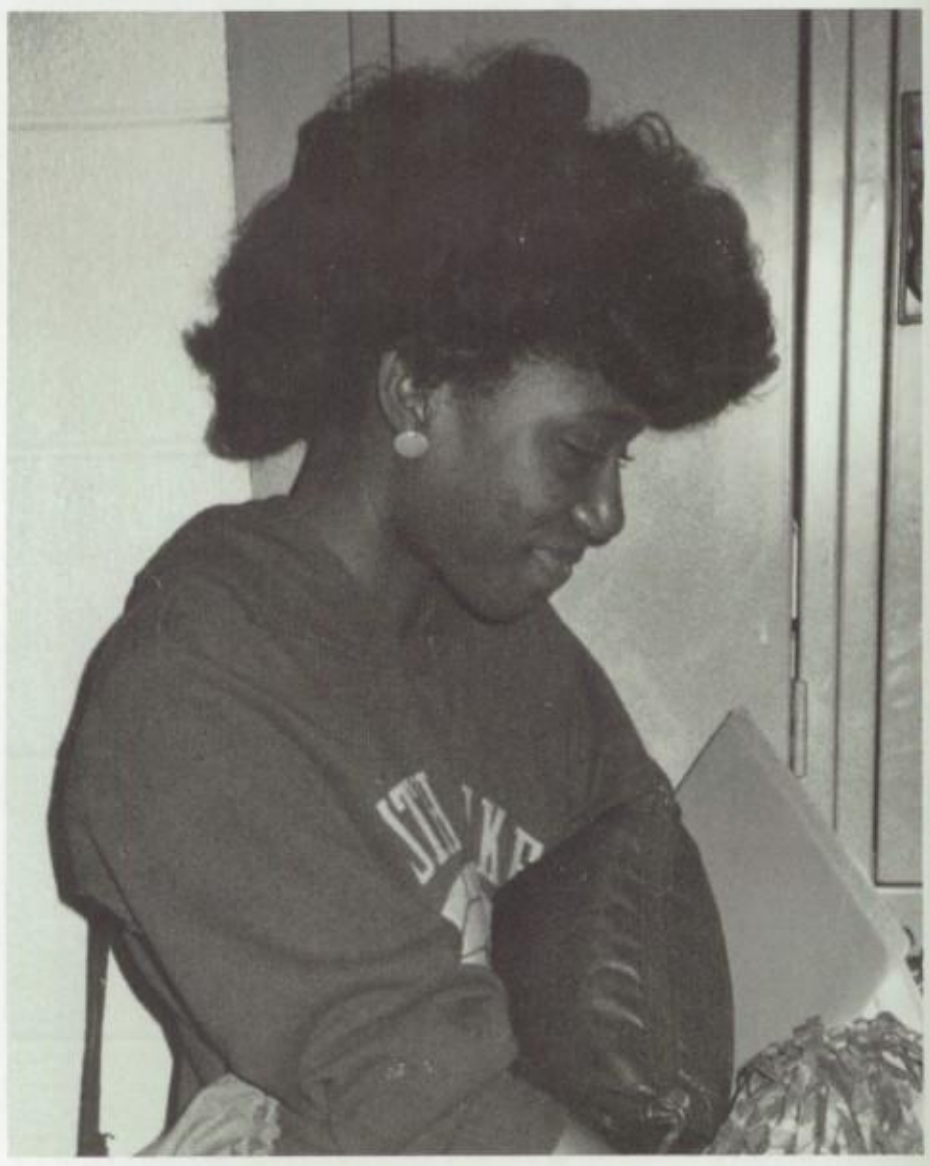
A friend has to be someone special; you can't just trust anyone and some people don't get along easily with others. "A good friend is trustworthy and honest," said Rodney Granthum, a sophomore. Friends accept each other as they are. Junior Carrierose Ashbaugh said, "To be a friend, you must not expect someone to change just because you don't like their actions."

Friendship is one of the most important parts of high school life. Friends go to sporting events, chat in the halls, plan parties, talk on the phone, and do almost everything together.

> "'It's nice to know you have someone to trust and to discuss your problems with'."

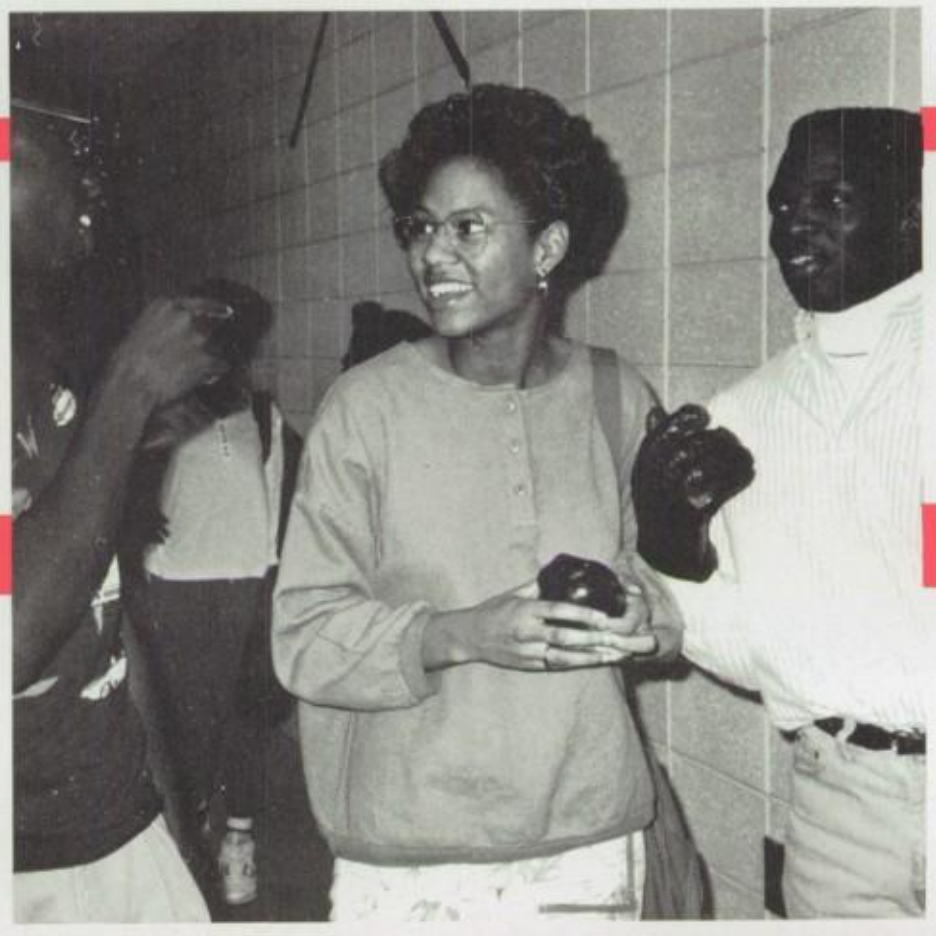
Sophomore Kenneth Finley likes for a friend to "stay home on Saturday and Sunday and watch football all weekend."

Friendship is something different to everyone. One thing is clear, though, as Eddy Stein said, "A friend is everything."



Side by side, **Beverly Shumpert** and **Paula Wicker** work as candy-stripers at the Aiken Community Hospital.

Kenneth Patterson and **Joanne Douglas** joke around in the hall as they walk to their next period class.



Waiting for the bell to sound, **Derrick Paige** and **Gerard Bryant** wonder what the day will bring.

Kim Brooks patiently waits for her friend to get her books for the day's classes.

Surrounded by their friends, **Nikki Taylor** and **Loretta Wells** show their spirit at the Homecoming pep rally.

HOMECOMING: THE BEAUTY OF TRADITION

School Activities Woven into the Big Day

It was October 16,1987, the Homecoming football game was underway. The buzzer sounded, a signal for halftime. The band marched onto the field playing "Ventura." The crowd fell silent anticipating the announcement of the new Homecoming Queen. Each of the nominees felt the tension rise under the pressure of the moment. Then a voice over the loud speaker announced, "And the 1987-88 South Aiken Homecoming Queen is . . ."

Homecoming Week started on Tuesday and the theme was Twin Day. Orginality was not lacking. Seniors Dawn Schwalbert and Jennifer Wakefield dressed as bags of M&M's. Other students wore boxer shorts over jeans or plastic garbage bags. English teachers Ms. Sharon Bayles, Ms. Em Ligon, Ms. Erma Richter, and Ms. Pam Faustmann all wore dark pants, white shirts, and ties while Ms. Susan Player and Mr. Carroll Timmerman came dressed as "preppies" in khaki and peach.

Wednesday was Letter Day. Students borrowed letter jackets from parents and friends, and dressed 50's style. Poodle skirts, pony tails, slicked hair, and T-shirts were among the fashions seen that day.

On Rival Day, Thursday, students dressed in black to mourn the coming death of the A. C. Flora Falcons. Also on Thursday a door decorating contest was held. Students decorated the doors of their first period class in the spirit of Homecoming. Ms. Gibbs' winning entry was an elaborate horseshoe on the wall and on the door a thoroughbred wearing a football helmet and jersey, and holding the game ball. The class won free passes to the game.

By Friday, Homecoming spirit was overflowing. The students expressed their loyalty by wearing crimson and gold. Many even painted their hair the two school colors. A pep rally was held at the end of the day. During the week students bought spirit links to show their class spirit. Senior links totaled 1,503, juniors 1,219, sophomores 618, and freshmen 322. The chains were broken and free passes were given to the owners of the broken links. The winners from each class were Erika Watson, Loretta Wells, Robbie Yarborough, and Candy Stoudemeyer.

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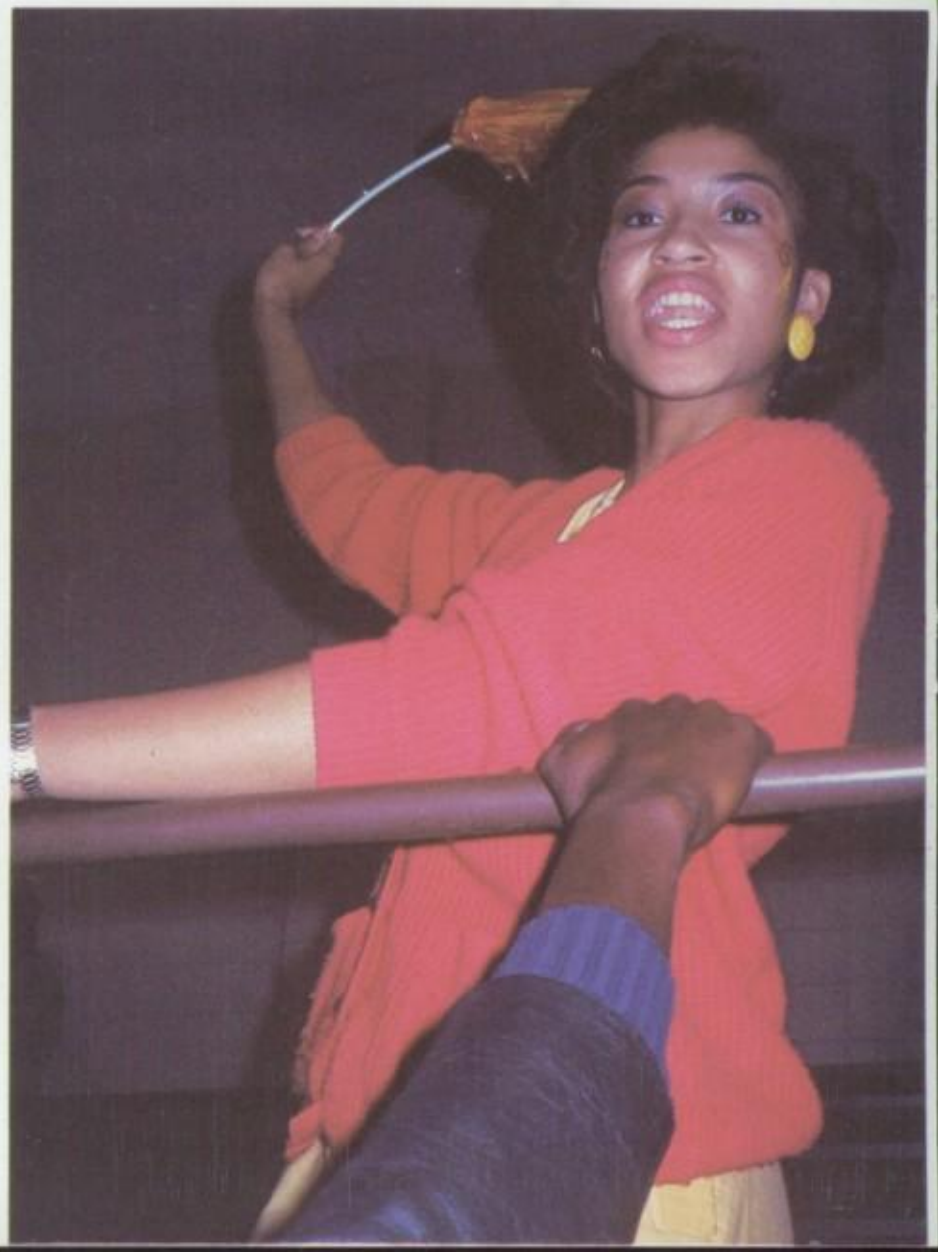
Friday afternoon at 5:30 there was a car decorating contest followed by a tail-gating party in the student parking lot. Everyone then caravaned to Haygood Stadium.

The thoroughbreds were winning at halftime and excitement was in the air. The mood shifted as the second runner-up for Homecoming Queen was announced — Misty Braun. Denise Williams was named first runner-up. Homecoming Queen — Tanya Hodges — the crowd roared.

The game matched the mood as the Thoroughbreds trampled A.C. Flora 43-20. A busy week of activities was capped off with a dance in the Commons Area after the game where Vernon Wright was named Homecoming King.



Misty Braun, Tanya Hodges, and **Denise Williams,** the 1987 Homecoming Court, proudly stand in front of the Thoroughbred fans.

Jennifer Williams, dressed for spirit day, joins the entire band as they play for the pep rally.

Performing for the first time at a pep rally, the **Flag Corps** works hard to keep up with the band.

Waving the Red and Gold Shaker at the Homecoming Pep Rally, Renee Mitton shows that the thoroughbreds do have spirit.

TRICKY DANCING

Preparing for Prom; a Total Experience

"Oh I have sooo much to do! I have to get my hair done, lie in the tanning booth for one last session, and . . . oh my goodness! The flowers. When am I going to have time to go to the florist?"

These were the frantic sounds heard on Saturday, April 25, 1987. Prom day. The excitement, anticipation, and fear felt on this momentous day will always be remembered. What makes prom so exciting? What is the big deal? Year after year something mystical seeps into the air, and overnight the school is transformed from a mundane building into another world filled with friendship and romance.

It isn't all that simple, though. While most of the juniors and seniors attended to the long hours of primping and preparing, the prom committee was busily at work. On Friday evening, after six hours of filling balloon trees and cutting out stars and planets to cover the walls, the Commons Area was finally completed. The work finally came together, but low and behold, by early Saturday afternoon the decorations had gone from the walls to the floor. Silence filled the room and no one spoke. Then, through the thickness of the depression, Angie Mathis' voice broke the trance. "Okay folks, don't just stand there, get busy and start picking things up!" With little time to spare, the damage was repaired.

By 5:30, "prom fever" had struck. Guys "decked out" in their tuxedos and driving freshly washed cars were affected by the epidemic as much as, or more than, the girls. (How many times a year is a high school boy willing to spend $150.00 on a girl during the course of one night?!) The parents also got into the "spirit" of the evening. Isn't it ironic that 364 days of the year they get tired of seeing us, but on that 365th day they take about two hundred pictures to remember us forever?! After the photo sessions, couples began to leave for dinner.

> "How many times a year is a boy willing to spend $150 on a girl during the course of one night!?"

The Willcox Inn, the Green Jacket, and Steak and Ale were all popular dining places. By nine o'clock the school began to come to life. The band, Pryme Tyme, kept the floors rocking with Top 40 and beach music. Aside from the mile long line of people waiting to get their prom pictures taken, the evening ran smoothly. By 12:45 a.m. the crowd began to wind down and drift out as couples headed to post-prom parties and breakfasts. Eventually, everyone found their way home to collapse, exhausted and happy. Prom night '87 had definitely been "A Night to Remember!"

Tipped off by **Brandon Brooks,** the band learned that prom night was also **Lionel Chitty's** birthday. The spotlight found Lionel on the dance floor and he then came forward while the band played "Happy Birthday."

Charleen Raiford and **Bobby McKie** take a break from dancing at a "Night to Remember."

Needing more energy to take them through the rest of the evening, **Dean Gaskins** and **Erin Jones** sample some of the delicious refreshments.

With mixed emotions, **Kenneth Guyton, Stephenie Lloyd, Cheryl Burris,** and **Reggie Johnson** sit out a song to rest. **Cheryl** and **Stephenie** take advantage of the time to catch up on the latest news.

Audrey Ranson and **Nathan Taylor** dance to the beat at the 1987 Junior-Senior Prom.

RINGS ON THEIR FINGERS

Junior Ceremony Arrives For Class of '89

The gym was silent. Students, parents and teachers were watching earnestly as the long lines of juniors walked through the life size paper mache ring.

Friday, February 5 will hold a special memory for the class of '89. That was the day their ring ceremony was held. Class rings were ordered early in the year and the excitement began. Most rings were ordered from Jostens, but a few students ordered their rings from other jewelers.

When the day arrived, juniors were decked out in their finest clothing, one part of the many traditions in the ceremony. They marched through the large ring one by one as their names were called. On the other side most were greeted by their parents and given their rings.

After the juniors received their rings, Amanda McGee, Vice President of the Junior class, told of the significance of the rings.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the commons area for juniors and their families. During and after the reception the turning of the rings, another part of the ring tradition, took place.

Each junior was to have their ring turned once for each year of their graduation date. The ring was turned toward the pinky finger. On the last and eighty-ninth turn, the ring was turned the opposite direction by someone special. The ring is then locked.

South Aiken is known for its outstanding ring ceremony. Jostens filmed the ceremony to show to other schools as a promotion.

> "I looked at it and thought 'Hey! I've got only a year and a half left of high school!' "

The ring ceremony is a special part of a student's junior year. Stan Buckalew said, "I didn't really realize I was a junior until I got my ring. I looked at it and thought 'Hey! I've got only a year and a half left of high school!' "

After the Ring Ceremony, **Tracy Ross, Stephanie Sanders,** and **Gina Thompson** inspect their newly acquired rings.

Because the regional band rehearsal ran late, the band students were not in their proper places in line. **Mr. James Dawsey, Ryan Brown, Alice Branton** and **Kim Hortman** spent the rest of the time scrambling to match the proper ring up with the proper name.

Kristi O'Rear and **Heidi White** smile at one another after receiving roses from their parents.

With the thought of receiving his class ring finally becoming a reality, **Rob Caudle** expresses his gratitude to his mother, **Mrs. Janie Carey.**

Paige Price is determined to get rid of that ice in order to get home from school.

Enjoying the ice storm, **Victoria Custodi** takes a spill.

Ashley Hydrick attempts to remove a stubborn layer of ice after the snowstorm.

Amy Hargett takes a break with friend after a day of sledding.

ICE-ING ON THE CAKE

Christmas Holidays Extended

What was that? Did you say snow? In Aiken? Believe it or not, it actually snowed in Aiken on Thursday, January 7, 1988. It was just four days after Christmas vacation.

Everyone had warned us of inclement driving weather, but we still headed off to school Thursday morning as it began to sleet. By the end of first period, the roads were slick, and people were being signed out over the intercom by the hundreds. Finally, at 10:15, the announcement came for us to leave. Naturally, the halls were filled with excitement.

Students went outside and found their cars hidden under a layer of ice. After what seemed like hours of scraping, cautious drivers began to creep their way home. After arriving at their destination safely, the fun began. Suddenly, sled riders raced out to hit the slopes. Anything that could slide was considered a sled. There were cardboard boxes, cookie sheets, rafts, plastic and true sleds with rails.

The snow continued to fall the rest of the day. This resulted in four inches of ice, sleet, and snow. Students were sure they would miss the next day of school, but were surprised when the snow lasted over the weekend. School was canceled for the next three days. This gave people young and old even more time to enjoy themselves. While fun in the snow

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provided a variation in the entertainment, accidents also resulted. Going down slopes was often dangerous due to many trees and bumps. Sometimes water also had to be avoided. It was not surprising that people ended up in water, against trees, or flat on the ground.

Eventually, the unexpected vacation had to come to an end. We were sent back to school for the postponed exams, but the four days were well spent in the students' minds.

"Please! C'mon! Vote for 'Skipper and Etta!' " Sophomore **Lynn Ridgeway** phases out for a moment thinking of what she could be doing besides racking up hours for her government class.

Resting in the library, junior **Lisa Boatwright** thinks about the assignments that she must complete for tomorrow.

English students received extra credit for dressing up as an author whom they have studied. In the spirit of Halloween, **Rob Caudle** as Aunt Jamima prepares to use the syrup in home economics.

Classics Still Relevant for 1988

The Academic Difference

Lord of the Flies, To Kill A Mockingbird, The Scarlet Letter, when will the list end? These are just a few of the required classics that must be read. Yet, many find with their other classes that these books may not be finished as easily as they thought. Books, term papers, oral reports, and exams are basics in high school. These aid students in their quest to be the best and even with these tasks, students outshine the odds and prove that they are "Bred To Be Different!"

NEW ORLEANS BOUND

When many of the sixty-five members of the varsity band were asked to name something about the band, the common reply was, "New Orleans!" The varsity band is travelling to New Orleans this spring for their annual trip.

Sophomore Keri Rollins said, "It's going to be great. I can't wait to go spend some time with my friends in Louisiana." In order to raise money for this trip, the members participated in many different fund raisers. In the early fall, cheese, sausage, and candy were sold, while in November and February, fresh fruit was available. Due to the profits from the sales, the cost for individual members was lessened.

Along with the fund raisers, musical preparations had to be made for the trip. Everything began in early August with marching band tryouts. After football season ended came the symphonic tryouts. Then came the next set of special tryouts and concert preparations. The varsity band held three concerts this year, the Christmas, Winter's End and Spring concerts. Some even had more sets of tryouts to handle along with these other time consuming practices. There were Regional Band auditions and for those who did well in regional competition, next came All-State auditions and for some, there were also Governor's School auditions. Junior Kati Murphy attended Governor's School last summer.

Though most people don't realize the hard work involved in being a member of the varsity band, those sixty-five members do realize it. Through all the rehearsals, the band strives for perfection; however, they often do not receive recognition for their efforts. Just think what a football game would be like without the varsity band!

Monte Blackwell reacts to the loud snap sound that is so familiar in "Sleigh Ride" performed at the Christmas Concert.

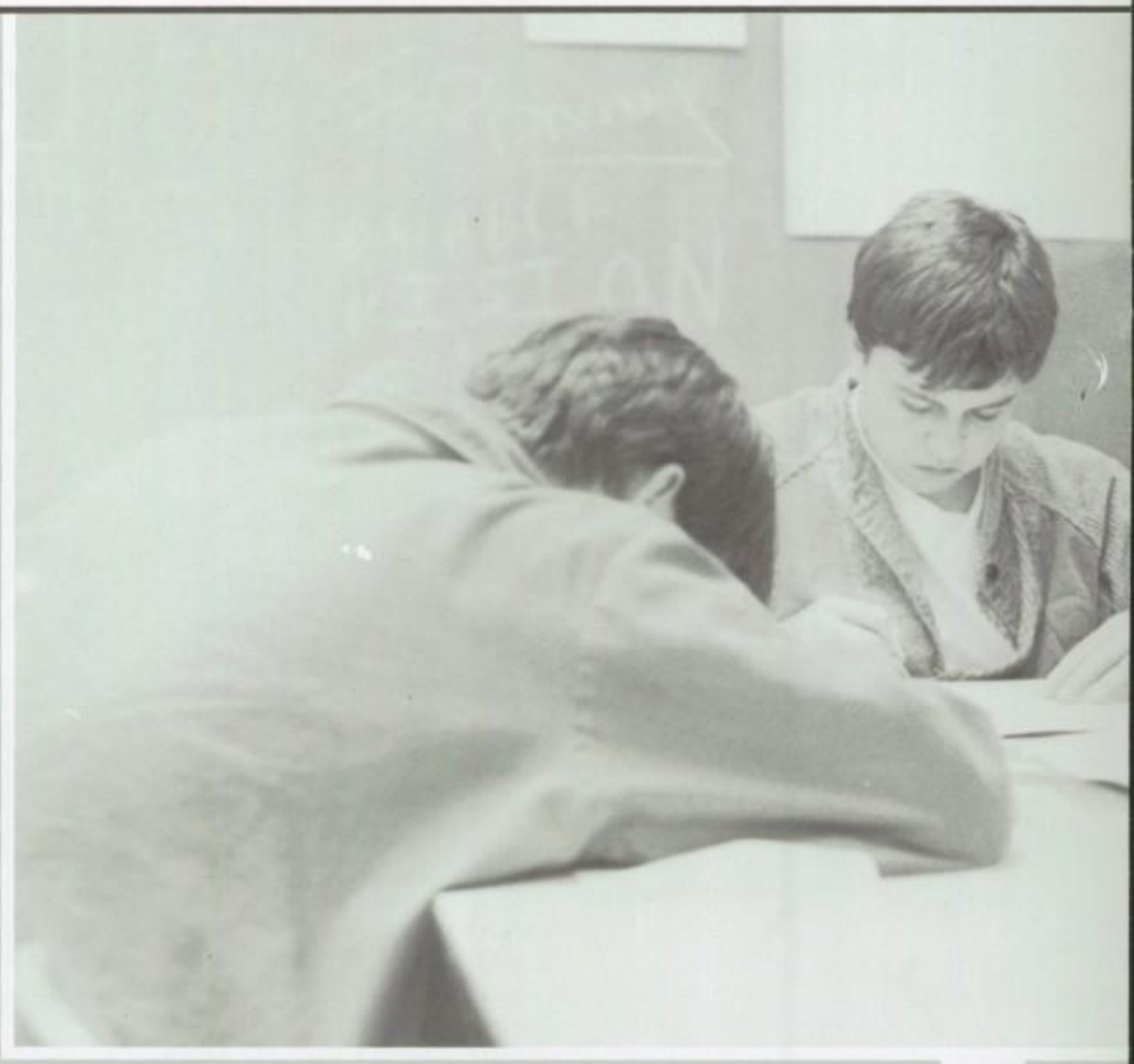
Todd Woodward and **Steven Fulop** concentrate on their sheet music during the Christmas concert.

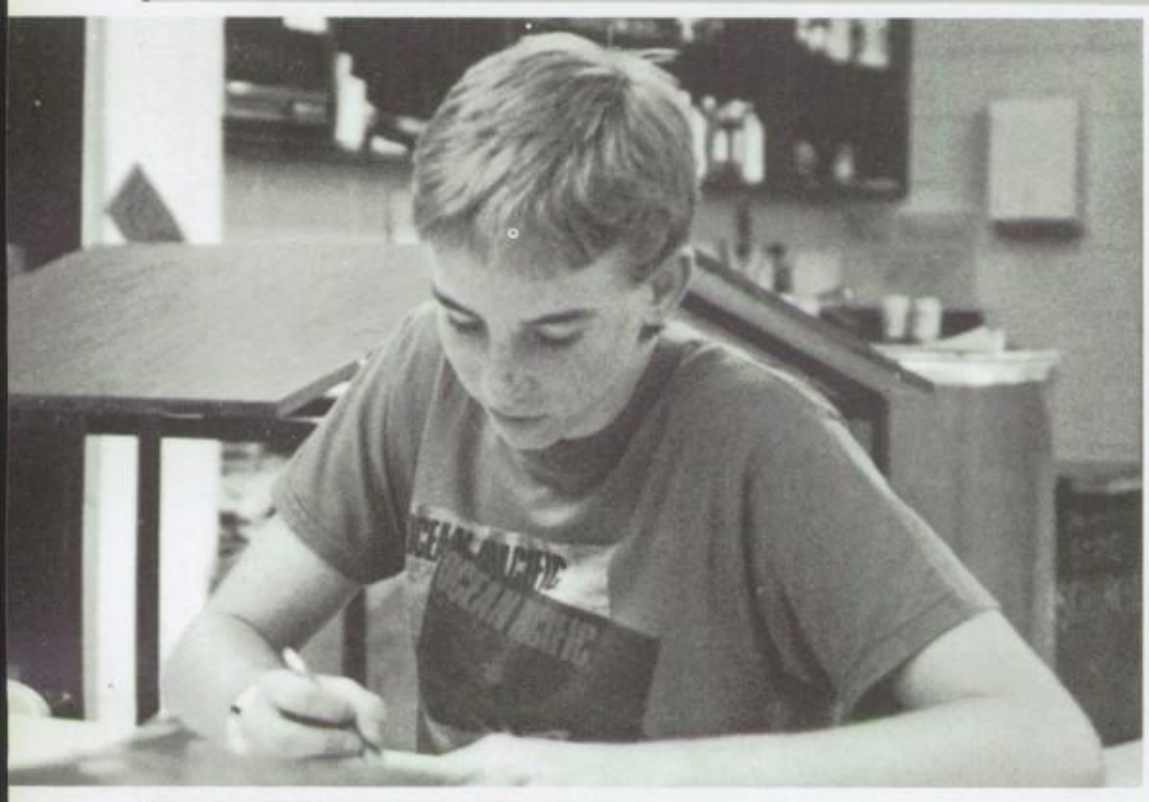
Scott Woodward plays diligently as he follows **Mr. Noel's** lead.

Brandon Brooks, an accomplished percussionist, received a music scholarship to attend the National Music Camp in Interlochen, Michigan, last summer. The highly competitive scholarship is awarded to only one student from each state and Brandon Brooks represented South Carolina. Brandon also presented the first Senior Recital sponsored by the Music Department on November 22. Pieces he played such as "Fireworks," on drum set, by O'Reilly and the second movement from "Sonota for Marimba," were chosen because they had been recommended for college auditions. Brandon plays all the percussion instruments including snare drums, timpani, and mallet instruments, such as the xylophone. Brandon would like to specialize on timpani.

Captured in a rare moment, **Eric Potter, John Blakenship,** and **Michael Nichols** work on their linoleum prints.

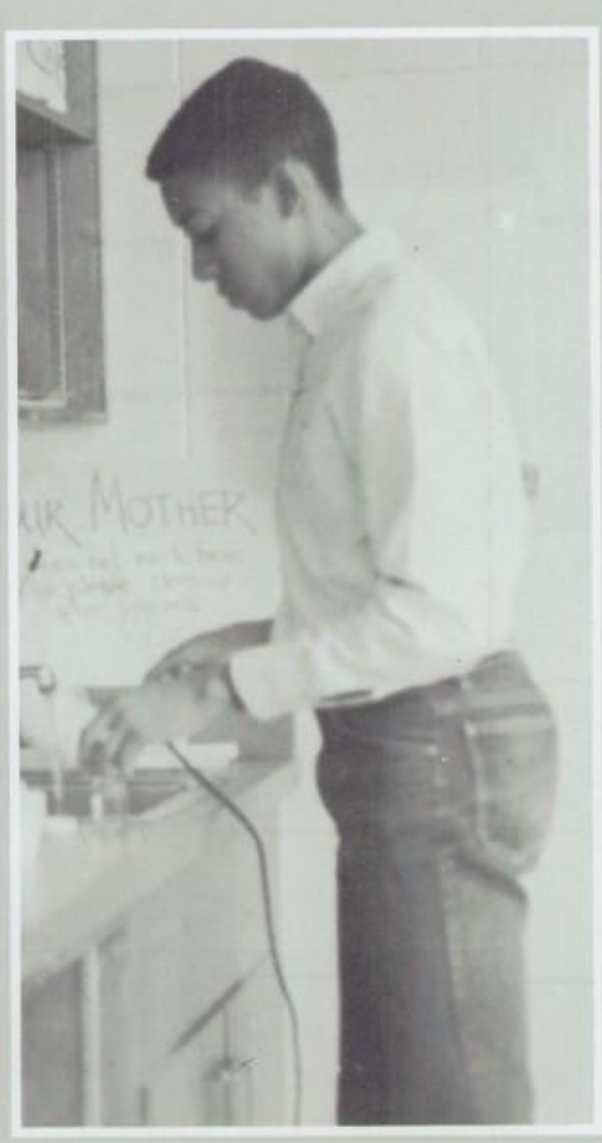
Working eagerly, **Lisa Gentry,** prepares one of her many art projects. The students are exposed to many different art techniques throughout the year.





Concentrating on every mark, **Rob Evans,** puts his imagination on paper. He is preparing his portfolio for Governor's school.

Inking their linoleum blocks, **Yolanda Cave** and **Stacy Johnson,** miss the joke but **Ouca Scott** did not.



After using the air-brush, **James Lee,** follows the instructions **Ms. Merilyn Smith** posted on the wall.

PAINTING TO PERFECTION

Visual Art is one area that allows the students to express their uniqueness. Whether students took art to learn the basics or to further their talents, they can rely on the openness of the visual art department to give it to them. The chance for free expression is available for all who strive for it.

"The art department has taken on an international flair in the past two years," commented Ms. M. J. Smith. After an exchange teacher last year and the new ideas Ms. Smith brought back with her from Scotland, the art department has gone through changes with the methods of teaching. A new art book and definite themes for each nine weeks are just a few of the variations this year.

The visual arts students enrolled in the class for a variety of personal reasons. Laura Babineau, an independent art student, stated, "I like art because it is a positive way to express myself." Future plans also led to enrollment. Art III student Mike Waltz hopes to use art "as a second occupation in later life."

Andrea Stein enrolled in many visual art classes because she "loves art and had all of her other requirements out of the way." Michael Nichols, an Art I student, took art for a different reason: "I like the teacher, she's liberal, cool, and talented."

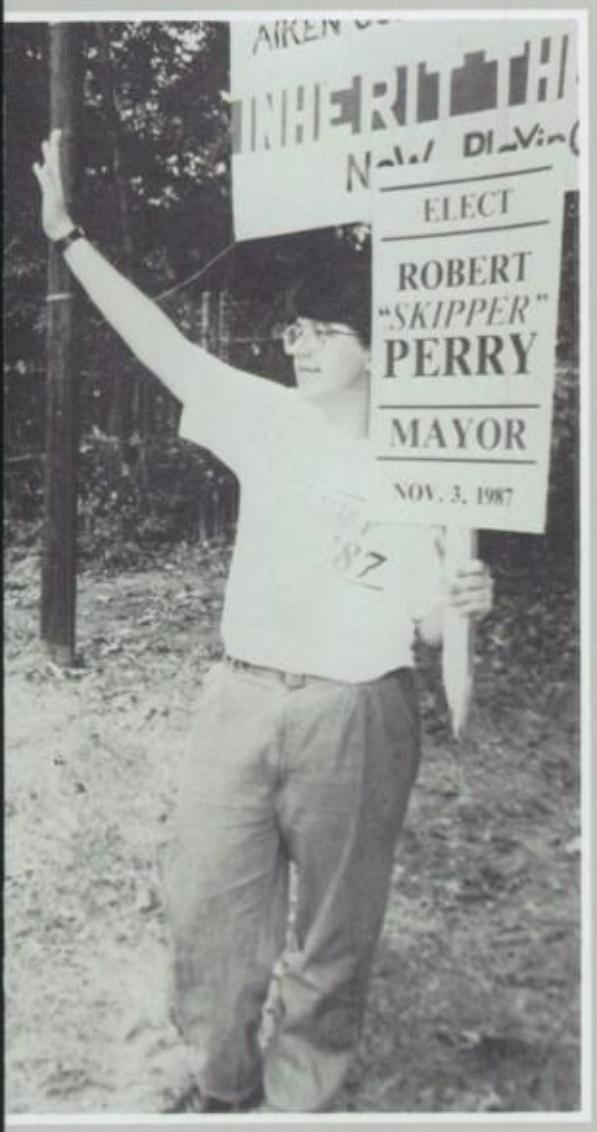
Art offers students a new way for self-expression. Whether enrolled in Art I, II, III, IV, or independent study, the basic lesson of the visual arts is the same; uniqueness and the ability to convey it through drawings, paintings, screenprints or photographs. In the visual art classes one is definitely "Bred To Be Different."

Coach Nelson's Driver's Education class listens quietly to an explanation of traffic rules and violations by officer **Pete Fromer** during a Driver's Ed. field trip.

Selma Torres, Brazilian exchange student, opens Christmas surprises during the Christmas holiday. Selma stayed at the home of the Terry and Dick Flyntt. She sadly returned to Brazil on January 4, 1988.

Lisa Redd, Penny Bivens, and **Brandi Justice** look on intently during a field trip to the Public Safety building in driver's ed.

Selma Torres, celebrating an American Halloween with her American "sister" Lauren and "cousin" Heath.



Getting "hours" for **Mrs. Susan Player's** government class, **Jon Jackson** campaigns for **Robert Perry** on the corner of South Boundary and Whiskey Road.

ALL ABOARD

See the world! Take a cruise! Fly to foreign lands! Or go to high school! Through several courses of study, any member of the student body had the opportunity to travel far and wide, studying and explaining many areas.

In Driver Education class, students were able to view the exotic scenery of Aiken County while simultaneously sharpening their newly-acquired driving skills. Although the back roads of Aiken were probably not exactly what they had in mind, the drivers were, nevertheless, thankful to escape the mundane routine of school for a few moments.

While social studies students did not physically leave the campus, their classes took them to somewhat more interesting locales. Geography students learned about foreign cultures and explored the earth itself. History and Civilization classes involved the students in their heritage and enabled them to view the world from the perspective of their ancestors. Psychology, the study of human behavior, gave everyone a greater understanding of themselves and their peers. And, finally, the Economics and Government teachers told it like it was — from bicameral to stock market crashes.

While social studies usually dealt with many parts of the world, foreign languages provided an in-depth study of a particular culture. German, French and Spanish students not only concerned themselves with the language and its variations. And, as Spanish teacher Janice Nashatker put it, "Languages are important because the better we understand each other as people, the better the chance we have of reaching an understanding on an international level."

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Vocational school is yet another opportunity for students to have a chance to learn a skill in which they are extremely interested. There are a variety of trades students can choose to take. Some of these include, computer repair, horticulture, welding, electricity, and auto mechanics.

Vocational students have an interesting daily routine. They get on a bus or drive their own car to vocational school. They enter class, roll is checked, students receive their assignments for the day, and teachers assist pupils in their work.

There are some similarities between classes and vocational school. For instance, both classes are held five days a week and both consist of "book work."

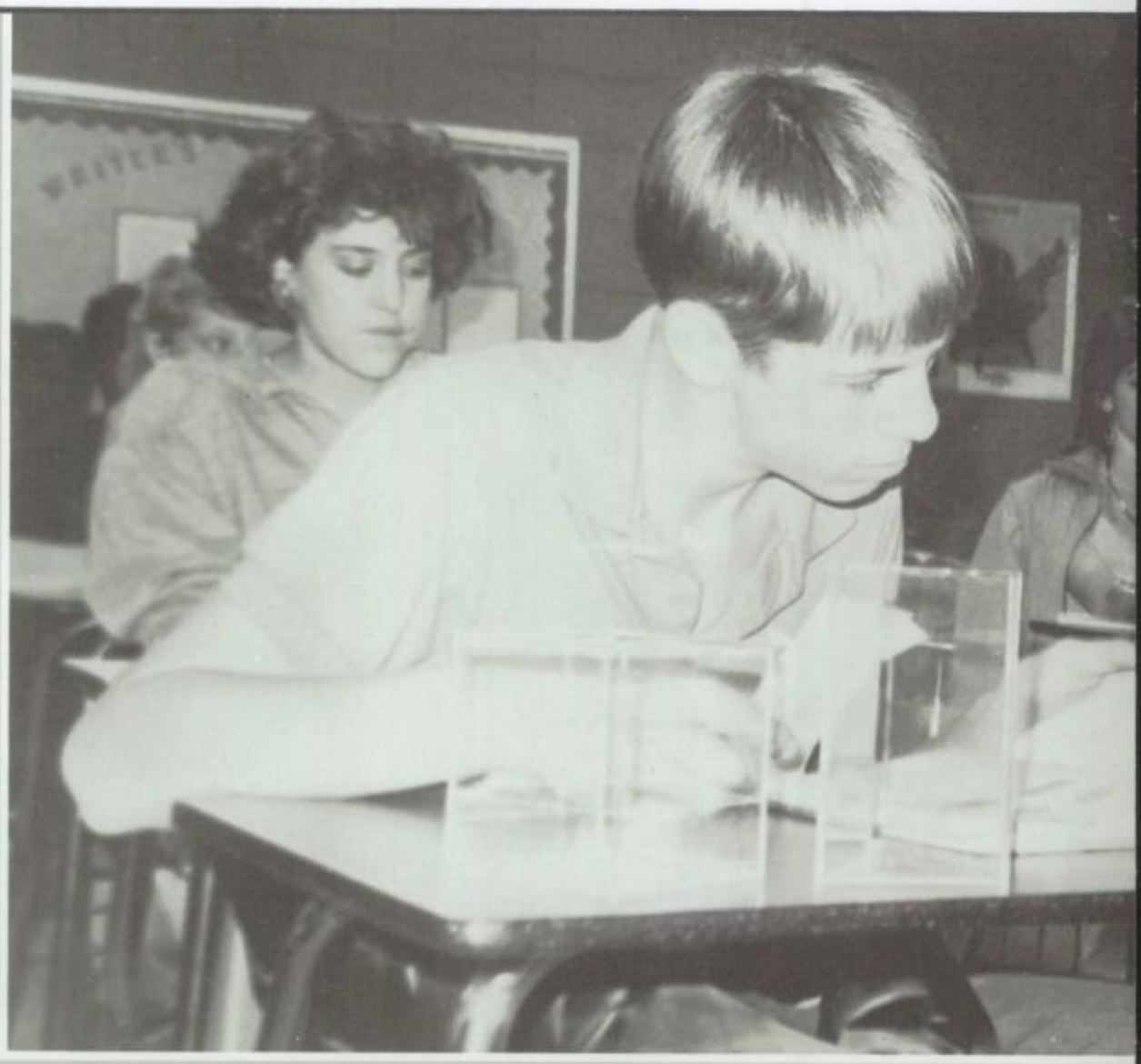
However, vocational students seem to think that there are vital differences between vocational school and regular school. As one student put it, "Vocational classes give you a more 'hands-on' experience than the classes at school. Vocational school gives you a good outlook on the job and it also helps you decide whether or not you want to do that trade the rest of your life!"

Hammering away, **Tony Norris** enjoys his shop class held at Aiken High.

Connie Baggot threads a sewing machine as she gets ready to sew in **Ms. Ernestine Roberts** home economics class.

Mark Dugar smiles as he shows how much fun it is to fix a broken car.

Cherie Manke waters a poinsettia plant in the greenhouse.



Physical contact with geometric shapes helps **John Bolin** understand the formulas for solids.

Getting down important lab information, **Kim Lowe** and **Jennifer Lanham** make sure their biology notebooks are complete.

Junior, **Lori Apperson** takes notes on the day's lab for biology.

Studying the shape of the plexiglass object, **Al Chavous** learns the formulas for solid objects.

Eon Cox daydreams of after-school activities, while **Marcus Johnston** diligently works to complete his lab assignment during Ms. Willie Banham's fifth period Biology II class.

MIXIN' AND FIXIN'

"All right class, between now and Friday you need to complete this project. Using a scale, chart your weight differences as you go up and down an elevator."

This may not be the typical project your teacher assigns, but for many physics students it is. These types of projects and labs allow students to actually see what they are learning and studying in the textbooks. The physics teacher, Mrs. Dorothy Brooks feels that, "Labs are reinforcements of the theories and laws discussed in class." Not all students agree. Many believe that labs are some kind of punishment and were devised to bore students. Mary Beth Rogers complains, "The chemistry labs smell bad and are too long."

On the other hand, there is that group of students who tend to enjoy lab for their own reasons. Amy Hunter and Richelle Tolton like chemistry labs "because there are no notes to write. "Biology II labs are sometimes really interesting, while others are just busy work," replies Lori Apperson. Of course, all people are going to have varying opinions, but Donald Corey sums it up pretty well by stating that, "Labs give you great insight into the realm of the applied laws of the universe." That's basically what students have felt all along, but no one knew how to express it in such a way.

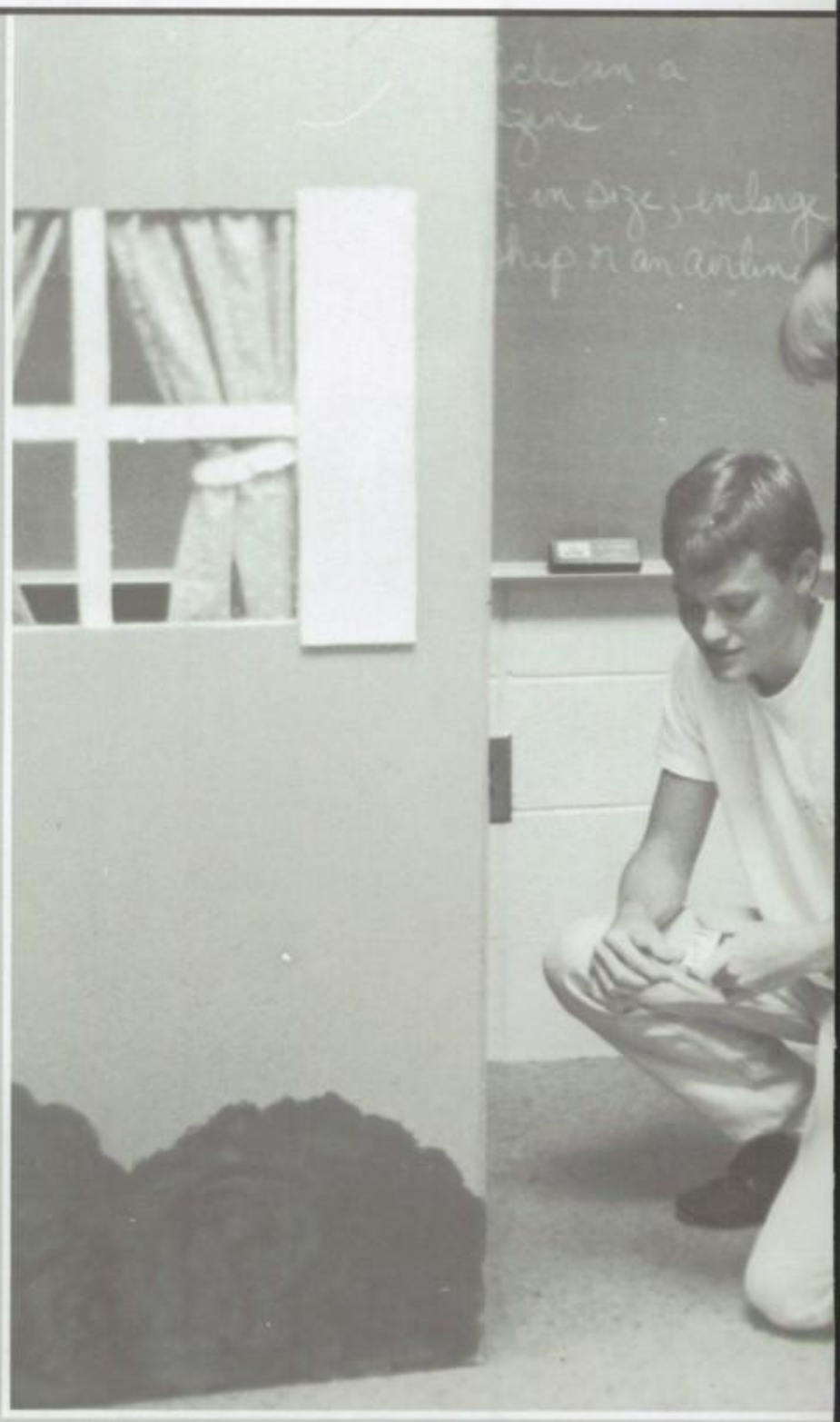
Although labs in science are obvious, math teachers utilize these principles in their classes as well. Mrs. Carolyn Hodges uses plexiglass shapes to teach the geometric formulas for solids. The combination of hands-on technique coupled with the visual perception of the solid object enhances what has been taught in the abstract.

Mrs. Gloria Allen's Algebra III/Trigonometry classes are required to complete visual projects fourth quarter. Although done outside the class, the students are required to incorporate what they have learned from the beginning of the year. The oral report becomes the equivalent of the lab write-up.

Working with their hands in both science and math allows students a new way to apply classroom concepts. Although some students like labs and others don't, most agree that it is at least a new experience.

Required by **Mrs. Sharon Bayles** to teach fellow students literary terms, content, and background information, **Heath Bickford** and **Nikki Haynes** use their creativity to make the lesson exciting.

Taking a break **Sandy Cook** watches some of the Christmas concert presented by the band and concert choir. **Sandy** takes photos for the Journalism class.



English II students, **Todd Biers** and **Jennifer Rosin,** act out scenes from "The Beginning of Grief." **Todd** built the set complete with cotton curtains.

Making her boxing debut for American Literature, **Stephanie Holloman** fights her way to an "A" in **Mrs. Erma Richter's** English III class.

Teaching "The Story Teller" by Saki, **Beth Cooley** and **Mistie Black** act out a scene on a train.

IN THEIR OWN WRITE

"Okay class, who can tell me what an article is?"

"I know! It's a story you find in a newspaper or magazine!"

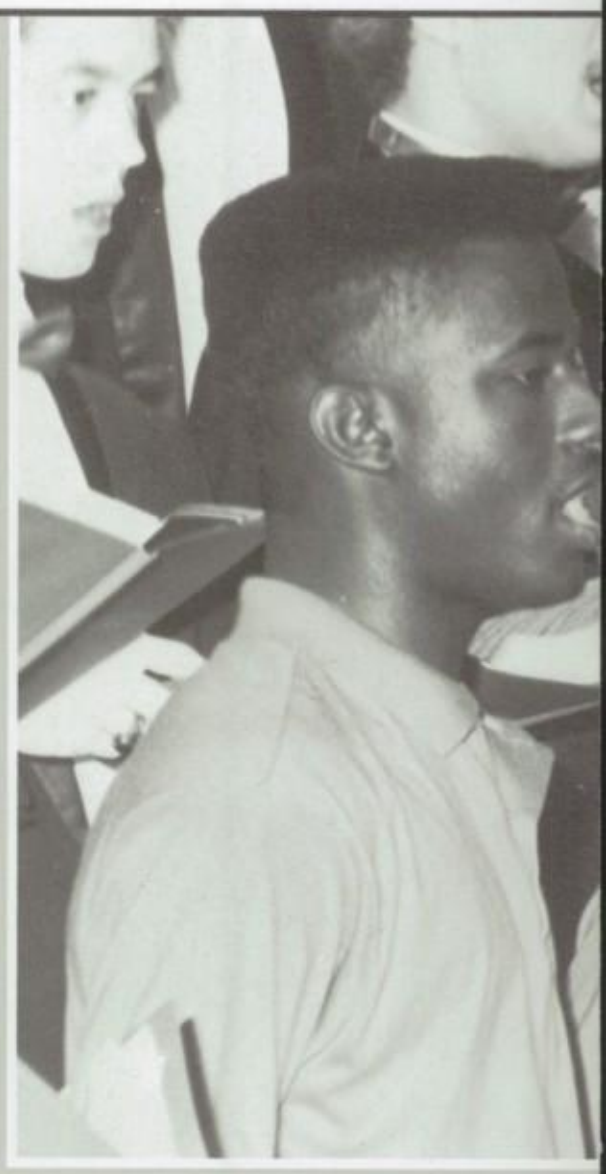
That's true, but in grammar, articles are the words "a," "and," and "the." There are many confusing things in grammar, such as participles, verb conjugations, sentence diagrams, and nominative absolutes. Some students wade through the difficult material and really get into grammar, but for those who don't, there are many other areas of English studied in the classroom.

Literature is another major area of English. Students study authors, the history of writing, plays, and, of course, the stories and poems themselves. Other areas of in-depth study are vocabulary, spelling, and preparation for the SAT.

Although English is the main part of the English Department there are many other classes for students talented in this area. One such area is Journalism I. Students learn to lay out and design the yearbook, write exciting stories, and compose and develop photographs. In the Teacher Cadet program, exceptional students get hands-on experience in teaching. They learn important life skills, such as how to speak in front of a group and how to get ideas across clearly.

Since four units of English are required in order to graduate, most students have an English class every year of high school. These classes usually require the most outside work and the most thought-provoking assignments. English is a tough subject, but one of the most important.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE



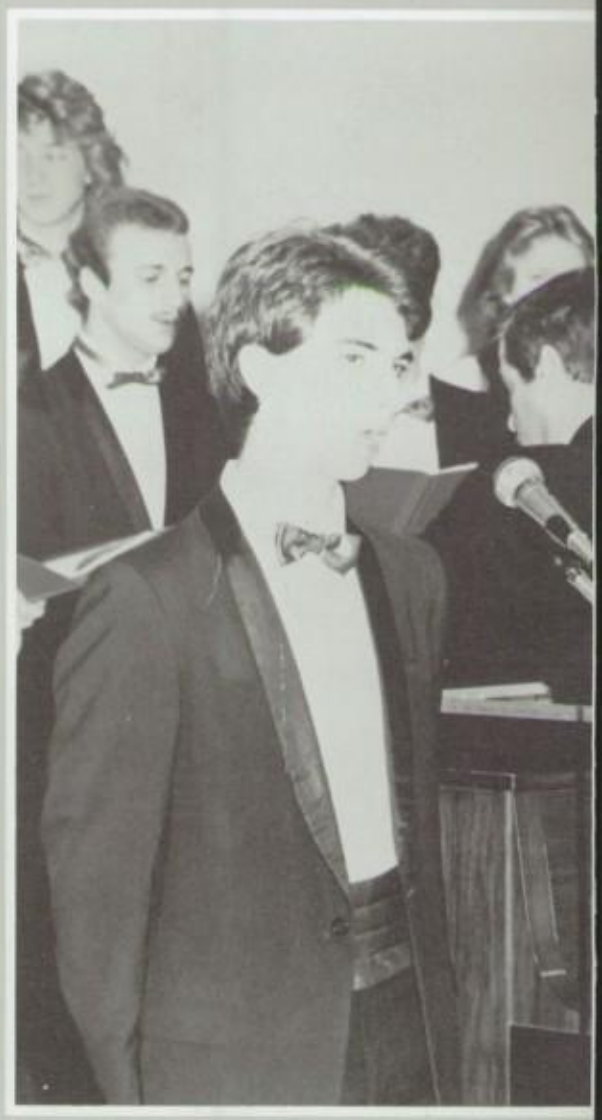
The sour lemon juice slowly dripped from her throat to her stomach cavity. Her palms sweated fiercely and could barely hold on to the music. Notes flew through her mind. She tried to remember all the cut offs and where to breathe. She quickly glanced around. The other concert choir members were just as nervous. They had their heads bowed in the Hal-le-lu-jah chorus praying for the performance to go well.

Performances and auditions are always nerve-racking. Junior, Debbie Bagwell was selected to be a member of the All-State Chorus, "I'm really glad I made it again this year! Last year I had a great time and I can not wait to go back this year. I consider it an honor to be the only student from Aiken selected this year," Debbie excitedly said.

The Governor's All-Star Chorus sang for the lighting of the state's Christmas tree on the capitol grounds in Columbia.

Those participating were Debbie Bagwell, Brandon Brooks, Brian Daugherty, Trisha Grace, Tanya Hodges, David Martindale and Cathy Winn.

The entire chorus performs for the school and community. The chorus entertains with Christmas and Spring concerts. They also share their talents with area schools. Mr. Dupee thinks, "For the most part the students are hard working, industrious, and committed to a good choral group."



Singing solo, **David Martindale** performs "Coventry Carol" during the Christmas Concert held on December 15.

Singing in perfect unison, **Vernon Wright, Toby Bentley,** and **David Wilson** perform along with the Chorus and Concert Choir.

Singing at the Christmas Concert, Chorus I performs "Jingle Bells."

Showing the Christmas spirit, Chorus I, sings in their winter concert.

"You better be good," Concert Choir warns the audience in their rendition of "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town."

The Honor Guard lines up for the national anthem at the annual inspection.

Cadets saluted the flag on Constitution Day as the national anthem was sung.

Senior Officer **Barbra Gassman** welcomes the judges to the annual inspection where the NJROTC won the Admiral Cagle Trophy for the third year in a row.

THE "CRUSTY LADY" COMES HOME TO STAY

The most prized award in NJROTC competition, the Admiral Malcolm W. Cagle Trophy, symbolic of the best NJROTC unit in the S.E., USA, was permanently awarded in November. Dubbed the "Crusty Lady" because the rotating silver trophy is so worn from being passed from one school to another. Any school that could capture the "Gulf Coast Championship" three years in a row would be awarded permanent custody of the trophy. The "Buccaneers" are the first school ever to achieve this feat. The trophy was formally presented to the school for permanent display during the units annual inspection in December.

The cadets established five major goals for the unit this year: The first was to win permanent custody of the "Crusty Lady," next was to win as many scholarships as possible, the third, to have an interesting field trip. To receive recognition by the Navy as a "Top Unit" was the fourth goal. The last objective was to repeat as an honor school which allows special nominations to the service academies. Cadet Matthew Plodinec received Senator Strom Thurmond's primary nomination and will be attending the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. and four other cadets are qualified competitors for ROTC scholarships. Senator Thurmond pointed out that Matthew's scholarship is valued at $120,000.

In addition to activities too numerous to list the "Bucs" also sent a contingent of cadets to Norfolk, Va. during the summer to attend the Leadership Academy and ride the Battleship Iowa. Another group toured the mountains of Georgia for the fun and games of survival training. Indeed the NJROTC unit echoes the Navy's motto, "It's not just a job, it's an adventure!"

The drill team executes a perfect performance during practice for the annual inspection.

"What books do I need now?" wonders senior **Lea Peals** as she searches through her decorative locker in the 100 hall. Lockers have come to be a creative outlet for many students.

A hint about the outcome of the game, the banner at the November 6 pep rally expresses the spirit of the crowd. The final score of the "Big Game" was South Aiken 15, Aiken 7.

"Guess Who?" **Russ Messick** waits for his kiss at the Aiken vs. South Aiken pep rally. The football players each got a smooch from their moms but thought it was a cheerleader.

CLASS OF '88 HEADED FOR THE FUTURE

Leaders of the Pack

Big Wigs. Head Honchos. Role Models. We've worked hard to get to the top. Some say we rule the school — sometimes the truth is hard to refute. As we prepare to take a step into the future, our senior year is a sweet reminder of the past. We are set a little bit apart from the rest of the school, but face it, we are just "Bred To Be Different!"

RESPECT FOR ONE'S ELDERS

"Out of my way, freshman . . ."

My first day of school as a BIG, BAD SENIOR. Easy classes, front row parking, and Rookie slaves. What could be better?! . . . I'll just sleep late and get to school right before the bell. I don't have to worry about getting a parking space, because I'm a SENIOR . . .

Hey, you freshman! Get out of my parking space! Can't you see that number one painted in it? That means Senior Parking so move it or lose it, Babe! "But, but, I was here first and my mom said that I could park wherever I want." Yeah, but if you don't remove your freshman self, I'll see to it that you never drive to school again! "Ha, you can't! So I suggest that you move yourself and your car to the back of the parking lot." Freshman, you'll pay for this! . . .

I can't wait to walk down the hall. Everyone will stop and stare as this senior strolls down the hall. Ouch! Get off my foot, Beanbrain! Do you realize that you just stepped on the foot of a SENIOR? Have some respect for your elders. Next time, step out of the way when you see a senior coming down the hall! . . .

Three years in a row with a top locker. It's fate that I get one this year . . . A bottom locker! Disgust! I'm a senior! It's not possible! . . .

Only one more class. Food and Nutrition. What a great class! No homework in here today. What? Homework? I never realized that this class would require homework . . .

Three o'clock. I'm going home. Tomorrow will be better. After all, this was only the first day. After this year this school won't know what hit it! After all, we are the class of '88.

Barbara Ann Adkinson
Cindy D. Adriano
Shelly Ann Allman — Future Homemakers 10, Basketball 10, French 10, Key Club 12, S.A.D.D. 12, Student Council 12, **Who's Who**

Heather Elizabeth Anderson — Math Team 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, Mu Alpha Theta 10, 11, 12, National Honor Society (President) 11, 12, Science Club (Secretary) 10, 11, 12, Student Council 12, **Winner's Circle** Staff 11, Student Council Election Committee Chairman, Executive Committee, Senior Class Secretary, Student Rotarian, Governor's School, District Exchange Student 9, 10, 11, Senate Office Page, University Scholar, Columbia College Scholar, Rotary Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders, **Who's Who**

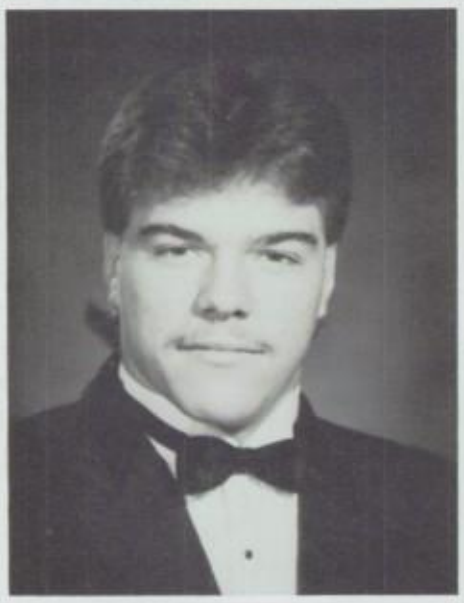
Lori Kristyn Arnold — Student Council 9, 10, 11, Art 10, 11, 12, Calliope 11, 12, Key Club 11, 12, Creative Writing 12, Ski Club 12, **Hoofbeats** Staff 12, Freshman Class Treasurer, Sophomore Class Treasurer, Teacher Cadet Program

Laura Constance Babineau — Softball 9, 10, 11, 12, Field Hockey 9, 10, 11, Basketball 9, 10, Ski Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Latin Club 10, 11, Outing Club 10, 11, Health Careers Club 10, 11, Art 11, 12, **Winner's Circle** Staff 12

Constance Lorraine Baggott — Beta Club 10, Future Secretaries of America 11, 12, Future Business Leaders 12

Julie P. Baker — Office Worker 9, Performing Arts Club (Dance) 9, 10, Student Government 9, 10, Student Organization 10, Cheerleader (Co-Captain) 9, 10, Manager of Boys' Varsity Basketball Team 10, Future Secretaries 11

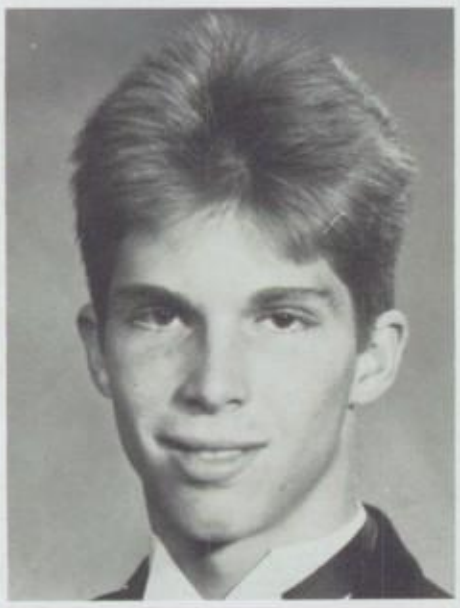
Heidi Banaszewski



John F. Barker — J.V. Football 9, Varsity Football 10, 11, 12, Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12, Art 10, 11, 12, Spanish 10, 11, All-County Strength Team 10, Outstanding Offensive Lineman 1986

Seana Barnes

Mary Angela Barron — Office Worker 9, 10, 11, Beta Club 10, 11



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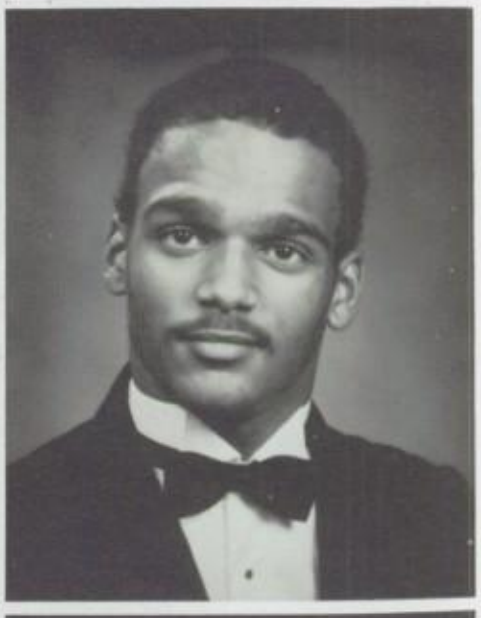
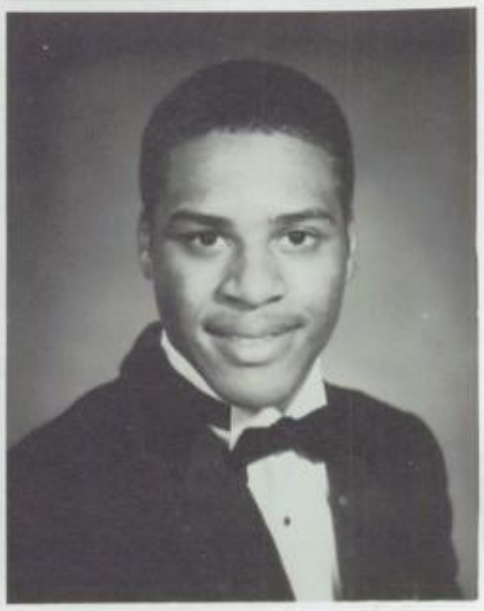


Bernard Bell

Cynthia Anne Bell — Powder Puff Football 11, Office Worker 11, 12, S.A.D.D. 12, **Hoofbeats** Staff 12

Teresa Shannon Bell — French 9, 10, 11, Key Club 11, Art 12

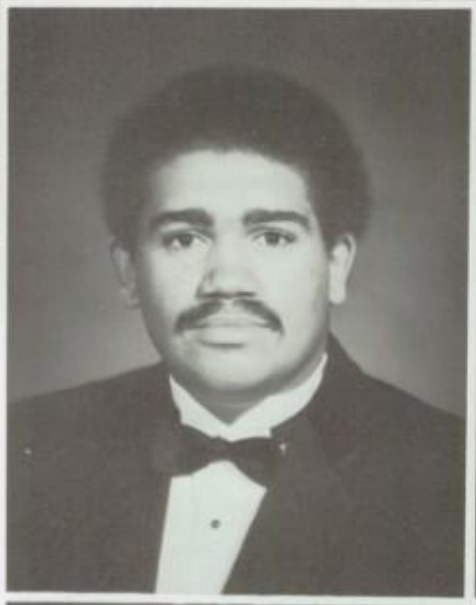


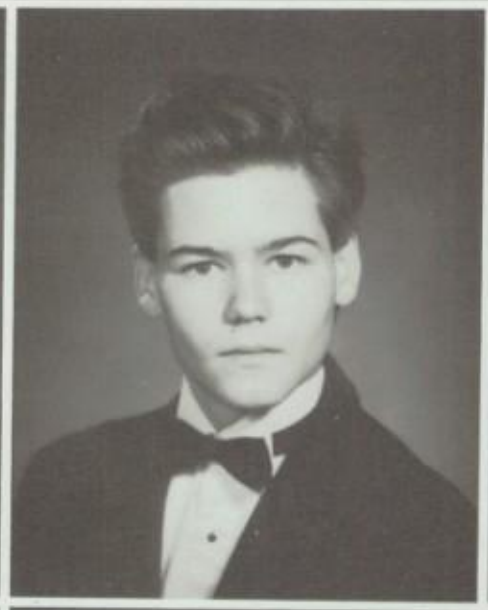
Michael Toby Bentley — NJROTC Board of Governors

Robert F. Berry — Office Worker 10, Future Business Leaders 11

Christopher Stephen Bickel — Mu Alpha Theta 12, Hoofbeats Staff 12, "El Cid"

Penny Bivens

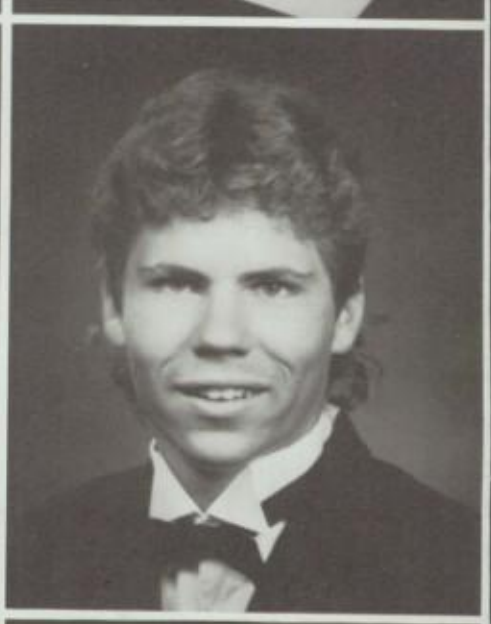




Benita Carol Blocker — Mu Alpha Theta 10, 11, 12, District Exchange Student 9, Library Assistant 11, **Who's Who** 11, Girls' State 11, First Runner-Up in American Legion Post District Oratorical Contest 11, Math Team 11, 12, National Honor Society 11, 12, Beta Club 12, Bus Driver 12

Michelle Lynn Blocker — Office Worker 9, 10, Student Council 11, Art 12

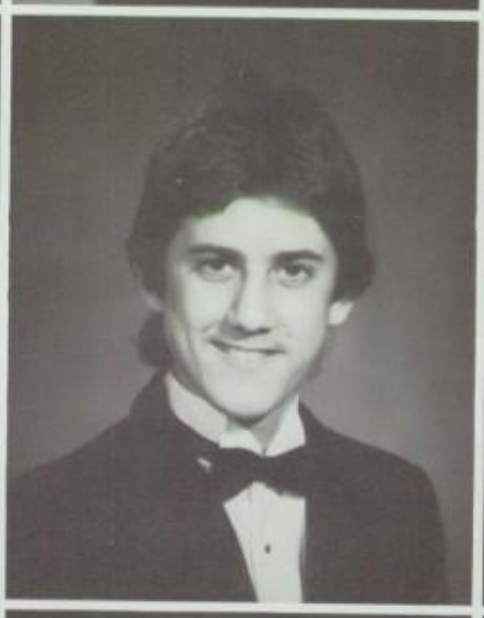
Steve Bone — Art 9, 12, Office Worker 12, School Improvement Council 10, German 9, 10



Kashi Nicole Booker — Future Homemakers 10, Office Worker 10, F.F.A. (Secretary) 11

C. David Boothe — Golf 9, D.E.C.A. 12

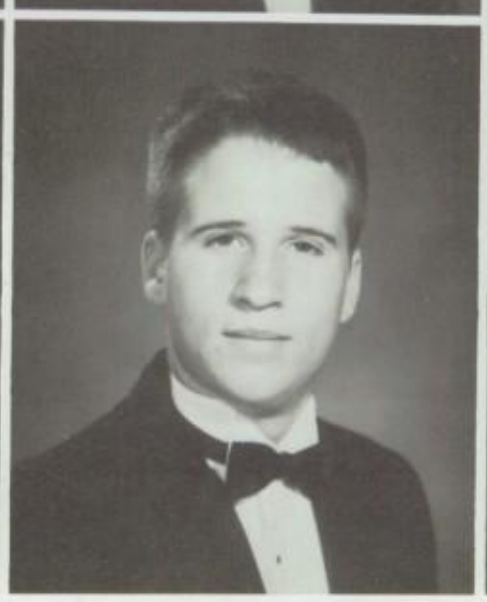
Jennifer Lea Borden — Honor Society 9, Student Council 9, 11, Creative Writing 12, Future Secretaries 12, **Who's Who**



David Brady

Jason Todd Brantley — Library Assistant 10, NJROTC I, II, III, IV, NJROTC Board of Governors

Misty Leigh Braun — Cheerleader 9, 10, 11, 12, Student Council (Representative at Large) 10, 11, 12, Ski Club 11, Future Business Leaders 12, Homecoming Committee, **Who's Who**



SENIORITIS

Seniors Victimized by Itsy-Bitsy Germ

Did you ever reply, "I don't care! I'm a senior!" Did you find that you didn't care about the majority of your grades — because you were taking all crip-courses anyway? Were you anxiously awaiting the coming of June more than you did last year? Did the thought of freshmen crimp your hair?

If any of these mentioned above applied to you this past year, you definitely had a case of Senioritis. If you are unfamiliar with this term, it is a mind altering disease caused by a tiny, itsy-bitsy germ that enters a rising senior's brain and alters his or her attitude towards the underclassmen. As that senior progresses through his or her year, the desire to graduate gets worse, and you believe that seniors are special; a unique group of individuals, and that they should be treated that way.

Some of the freshmen may have thought that we seniors had attitude problems and/or ego problems this past year. Us? Class of '88? Nah! When Leslie Wheeler was asked if she had a case of the growing epidemic she replied, "Yes! We've served our time here. We deserved the utmost respect, especially by freshmen! Some freshmen really had attitude problems!"

Larry Callahan and Kim Lowe also agreed that they had Senioritis and that they were also just as anxious to graduate.

When Alan Hay was asked if he caught the 180 day bug he commented, "Yep! I've got it! I dropped Algebra III/Trig. and went into health, which is a really hard class! No, really, this summer the beach is the place, and then four more years of you-know-what! I've had a senior year every year, so my mother said. Really and truly I have enjoyed my so-called "served time" and I'm gonna miss it."

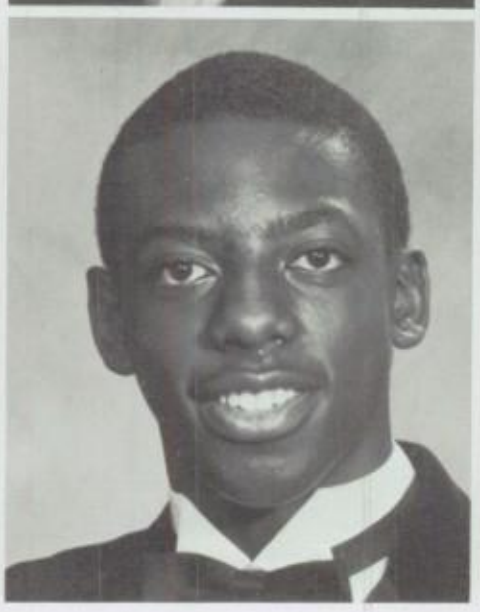
Surely the majority of the Class of '88 will agree that we all had a case of Senioritis, whether it was slight or severe. We were ready to graduate, and to pick on the freshmen just as we were picked on our freshman year. High school is nothing but a cycle — you start off at the bottom of the ladder and work your way to the top.

Senioritis is the common cold among the seniors — there is no real cure. So freshmen shouldn't accuse seniors of being egotistical because we all have this traditional virus and know it! WE ARE THE CLASS OF '88!

Melanie Elaine Brinkley — Mu Alpha Theta 12, Junior Achievement, French I, II, III, IV, **Who's Who**

Brandon Heath Brooks — Student Council 9, 10, 11, **Winner's Circle** Staff 9, 10, 11, Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Jazz Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Art 10, 11, 12, Academic Team 12, Region Band 9, 11, All-State Band 9, 10, 11, Student Rotarian, Governor's School for the Arts, Boys' State Alternate, Concert Choir 12, **Who's Who**

Linda Brown



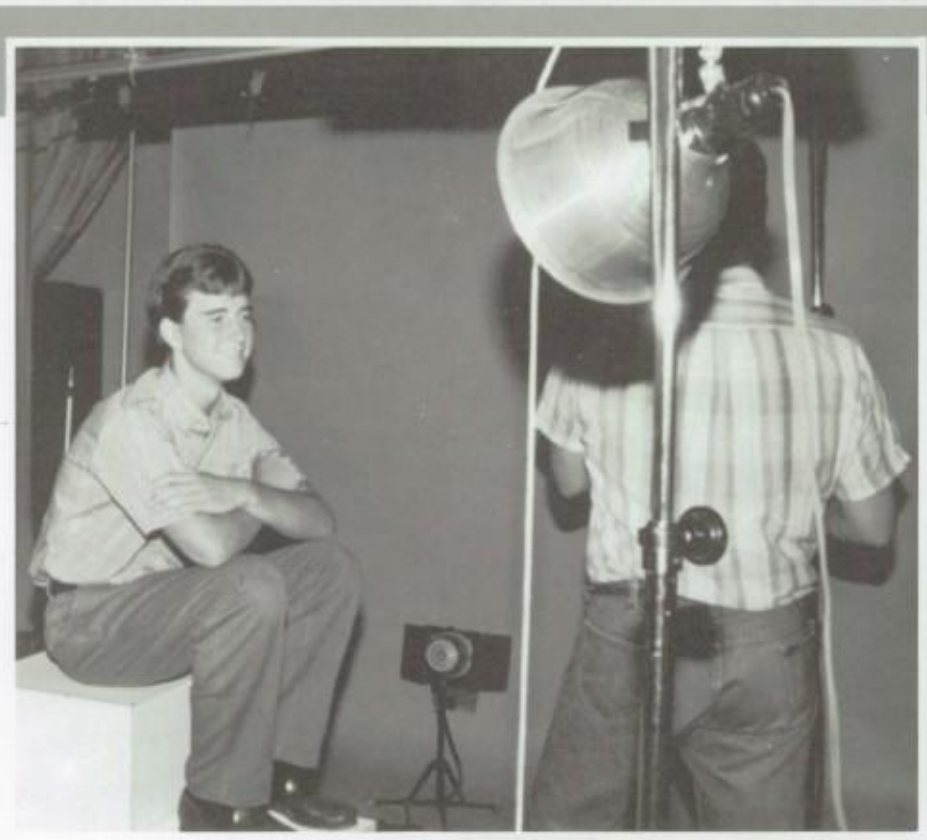
Stephanie Regina Brown — Future Homemakers 9, Spanish Club 9, Candystriper 9, 10, Spanish 9, 10, Powder Puff Football 10, Junior Achievement 10, **Hoofbeats** Staff 10, 11, 12, Band 10, 11, 12, S.T.E.P. 10, 11, 12, Beta Club 12, Office Worker 12

Stephen R. Brown — NJROTC Board of Governors 9, Spanish Club 9, 10, Future Business Leaders 9, 11, Future Homemakers 9, 11, 12, Boys' State

Leshä Melinda Bryant — Basketball 9, 10, Office Worker 10, Future Homemakers 12, Guidance Assistance

Ending the summer with his senior pictures, **Tommy Richardson** smiles about the year to come.

Holding her "senior picture pose," **Teresa Bell** waits for the click of the camera.



Yolanda Catrice Bryant — NJROTC Board of Governors 9, D.E.C.A. I, II, Future Homemakers 9, 12 (Vice-President), Office Worker 10, 11, 12, Key Club 12

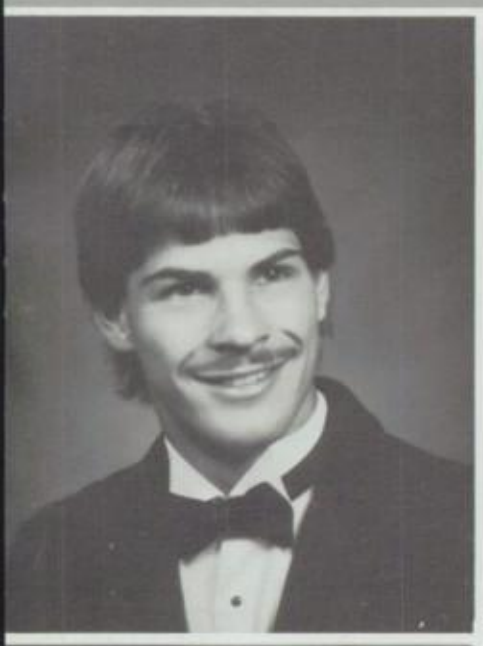
Cynthia Ann Buchanan — Guidance Office Worker 11, 12

Stacy Ruth Burgess — Small World Puppets 9, Chorus 9, Concert Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, S.A.D.D. 10, Sophomore Executive Committee 10, **Hoofbeats** Staff 10, 11, 12 (Co-Editor), Palmetto Girls' State 11, S.C. State Acteens Advisory Panel 11, Baptist All State 12, Creative Writing 12

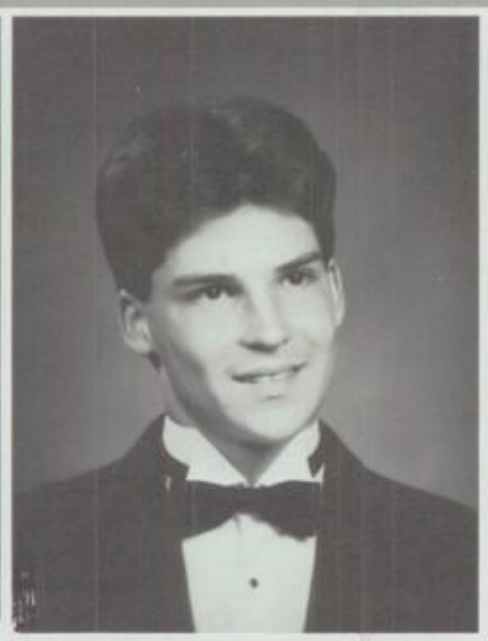
Cheryl Denise Burris — Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Pep Band, Beta Club (Vice-President) 10, 11, 12, Key Club (Secretary) 10, 11, 12, Student Council 11, **Who's Who**

Christopher Busch — D.E.C.A. 12

Teresa Ann Bush — Future Homemakers 9, 10, Student Council 9, 10, 11, Beta Club 9, 10, 11, 12



Larry Edward Callahan — Art



Bryant Edwin Caveness — Science Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12, Key Club 10, 11, 12, Camo Crew 10, 11, Future Business Leaders 11, Vice-President Senior Class, Junior Achievement, National Honor Roll, Society of Distinguished American High School Students, Business Week, **Who's Who**

Kimberly L. Chase — Future Business Leaders 12

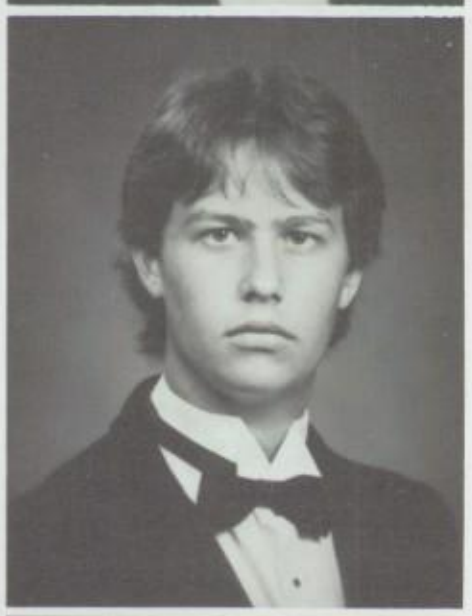
Michael Todd Chavous — J.V. Football 9, Varsity Football 11, Baseball 9, Art I, II, D.E.C.A. I, II

Lionel Chitty — Concert Choir 9, 10, 11, Third Place Winner of Soil Conservation Service's Writing Contest 10, Ski Club 10, 11, **Hoofbeats** Staff 11, **Winner's Circle** Staff 11

Marc David Chostner — Mu Alpha Theta, Key Club, Science Club, Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12, **Who's Who**

Brad Clark

Lisa Ann Claxton — Science Club 9, Drama Club 9, Spanish Club 10, Band 9, 10, 11, H.O.S.A. 11, O.E.A. 11, Future Business Leaders 12, **Winner's Circle** Staff 12



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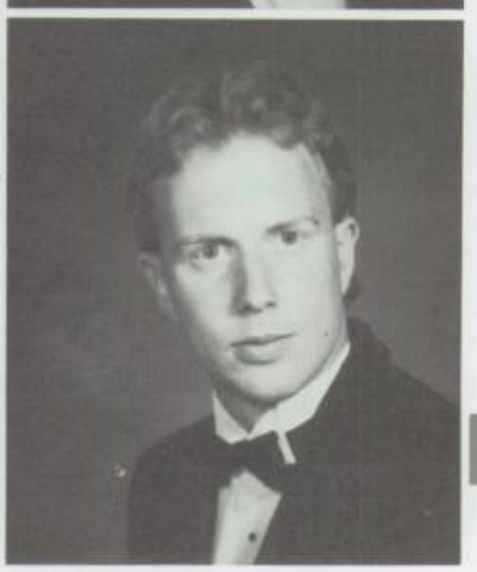
Tim Coakley

Delilah Coleman

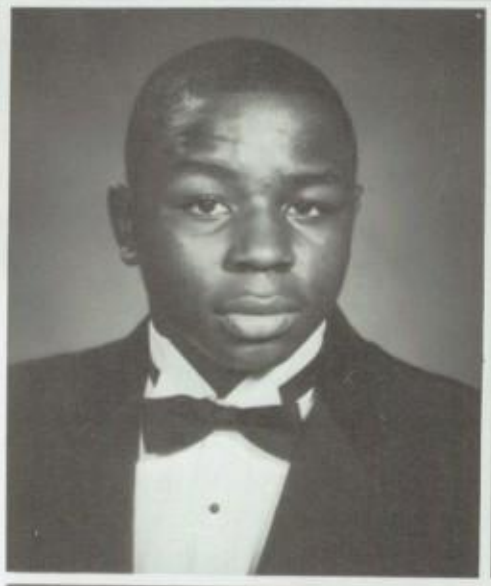


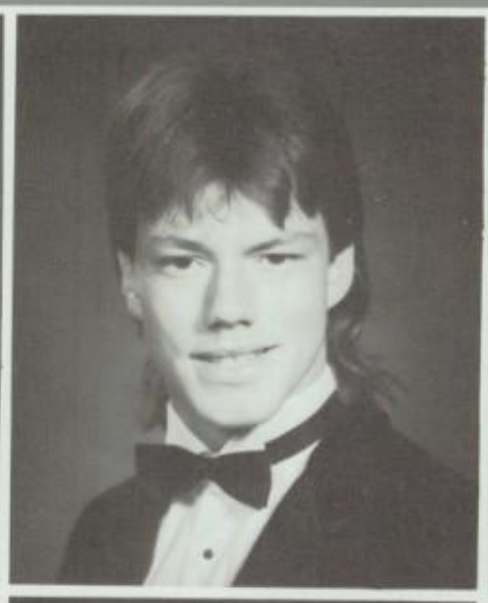
Donald Charles Corey — Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Pep Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Jazz Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Student Council 9, 12, Science Club 10, 11, 12, Varsity Soccer 10, 11, 12, Camo Crew 10, 11, 12, Art 11, 12, Math Team 12, Boys' State, Prom Decorating Committee, Election Committee, **Who's Who**

Ivory Corley

Michael F. Costello — Art 12

Luann Elizabeth Davis — Junior Achievement 9, Flag Corps 9, 10, Dames at Sea, Babes in Arms, Oh! Kay!, S.A.D.D. 11, Creative Writing 12, Calliope 12

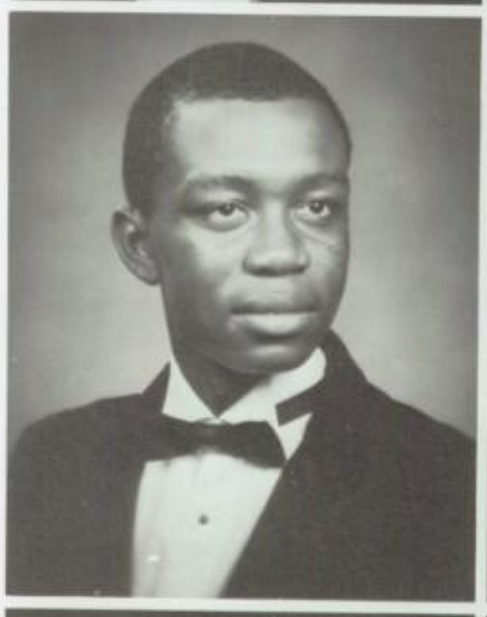


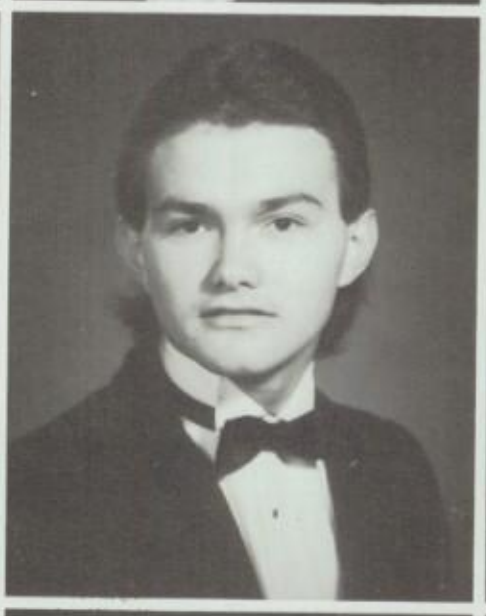


Octavious A. Davis — D.E.C.A. 11, 12

Johnny Ardell Day — Baseball 10, 11, 12, D.E.C.A. 11, 12

Rita Richelle Day — Office Worker 9, 10, 11, Student Council 10, Aiken Community Playhouse 10, 11, 12, Cheerleader 11, Yearbook 11, Prom Committee 11, Pep Club 11, Future Business Leaders 12, S.A.D.D. 12





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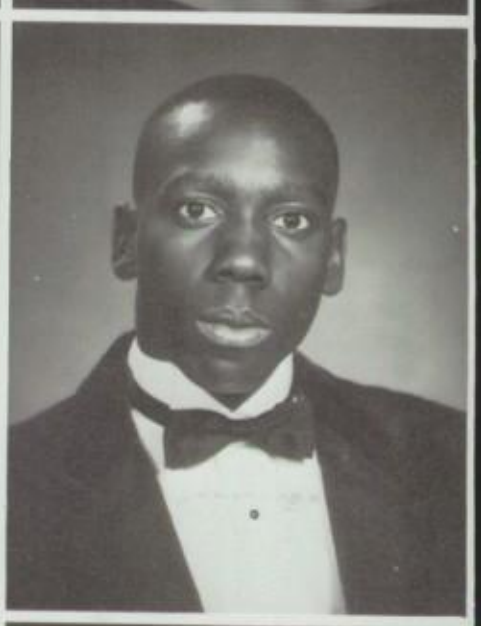
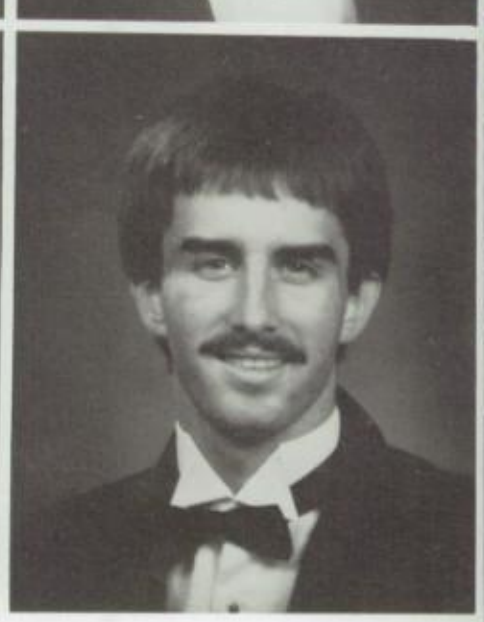


Joanne Douglas — Student Council 9, J.V. Basketball 9, Varsity Basketball 10, Office Worker 10, 11, D.E.C.A 11, Future Business Leaders 12

Showanda Theresa Dunbar — Future Homemakers 9, French I, Spanish I, II, III, Student Council 10, 11, Key Club 10, 11 (Secretary), 12, Flag Corps 11, Future Business Leaders 12

Gregory Howard Evans — Academic Team 10, Mu Alpha Theta 10, 11, 12, Soccer 10, 11, 12, Calliope (Editor) 12, Creative Writing 12, Winner's Circle Staff 12, Boys' State, National Merit Scholar, University Scholar, Who's Who



TEN YEARS AFTER

Seniors Fantasize About Their Futures

Every year it's the same old thing. Of ourse the faces change, but hose questions remain consant and revive themselves at he coming of each new senior lass. "So, what do you want o do after you finish high chool? Where are you going o college? Which profession ave you chosen?" Truthfully, there is not much differnce between second graders nd twelfth graders, because o matter how well someone hrases the question it always oils down to being, "What o you want to be when you row up?" This year students ad some different ideas. Future realities bit the dust and future fantasies sprang to life. Ten years from now . . .

"I plan to be married to a fine, rich cattle rancher in Dallas, and cheer for the Dallas Cowboys." — Barbie Smith

"I'll be on a naval warship in the Mediterranean sea." — Mike Santamauro

"I'll be cruisin' along the coast in my sleek black Jag along with my faithful surfboard, stopping only to catch the bitchin' waves." — Lea Peals

"I will own a huge estate in Jamaica and race airboats." — Greg Evans

"I'll be living in the Canary Islands selling pineapples and coconuts to fine-looking sailors." — Chris MacMurdo

"I will be on an Asian mountain top suffering from an excruciating out-of-body experience, in which my internal being will inhabit the body of Larry ''Bud'' Melman." — Chris Bickel

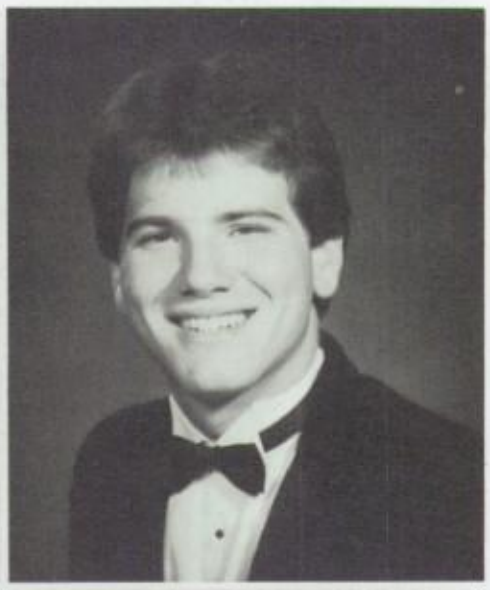
"Hopefully I will be twenty-seven years old!" — Bryant Caveness

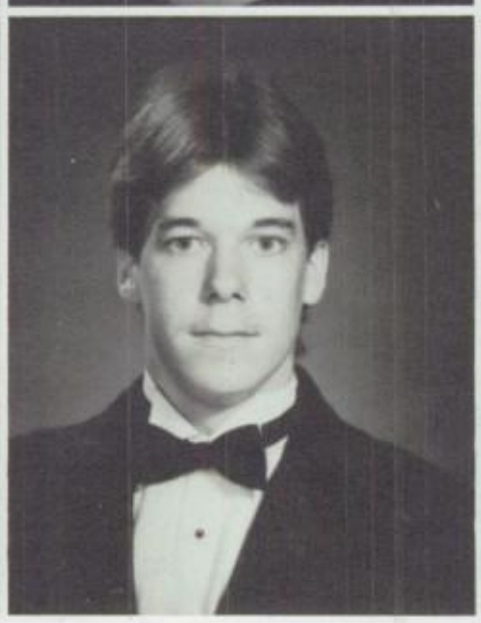
"I'll be living in NYC spending the money that I won from winning the Tour de France Feminin the year before! C'est la vie!" — Andrea Stein

"I'll be a Tibetan monk studying under the great Dalai Lama.'' — Chris Mutschler

"I will be the first white chief of the first white pygmy tribe in Africa." — Donald Corey

Maybe all of these things will come true or maybe we will live in Aiken for the rest of our lives, who knows! (But it never hurts to dream!)





Ronnie Evans

Monica Denise Fitzgerald — Future Business Leaders 11, French I, Spanish I, II, Junior Achievement, Creative Writing 12, Track 12

Austin Fox — Spanish 9, 10, Art 10, Golf 10, 11, 12, D.E.C.A. 12

LaJoyce T. Frazier — Future Homemakers 11, 12, Chorus 12

Bobby Fugate — Art I 12

April T. Fulghum

PASS TIME

The Endangered Art of Note-Passing

We know it's a problem. A dilemma faced by all. The risk gets greater all of the time. Namely: the endangered state of the fine art of note passing. Too often classroom notes are lost, confiscated, misunderstood, and smudged. In view of all these risks, what if we give up? What if the teachers everywhere win? What if we simply stop writing notes? Here are some pointers, along with the five main "note categories," to salvage our favorite . . . Pass Time.

The general rules to note writing are obvious. The first is keeping it brief. Having to read *The Odyssey* during Ms. Rosalyn Barton's chemistry lecture on "Safety in the Lab" can be a bit trying. Secondly, always date your notes. An undated note only breeds confusion. The third rule in note writing is to know your intermediaries. Never pass a note through someone who will choke when caught by a teacher. And if the dreaded day comes when you are caught, plead temporary insanity. Act a little crazy, chew on your notebook or something; it just may cause enough of a diversion to let you trash the note.

Notes come in a variety of categories, from Luv Notes to Nerd Notes. Probably the most popular style, Luv Notes, allows for much male-female interaction between, during, and after classes. They also allow for more candid and romantic communication than chats over the lunchroom table. Posing as, say, a Luv Note, a Shammer will declare the sender's desire to meet a certain sendee. When the sendee approache the sender and she laughs turns red, he discovers tha he has been deceived, "shammed" — thus th note's name. Nerd notes ar probably the most academi (and boring) notes, merel passing on information abou homework pages, term pape dates, and other assignment The next type of note is ofte passed after an exam or tes as tension breakers. The in famous Teacher Teasers These are passed blatantl around the classroom so tha they will be confiscated. The

Marcia Gaddy — Beta 9, 10, 11, 12, D.E.C.A. 11, 12, F.B.L.A., F.H.A. 9, 10, 12, F.S.A. 12, Key Club 10, 11, 12, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society 11, 12, S.A.D.D.

Sharon LaVern Gaffney — D.E.C.A. 11, 12

Donna Elizabeth Gantt — Library Assistant 9, Office Worker 9, 10, 11, 12, Student Council 9, 12 (Treasurer), Future Secretaries 11, 12, Future Business Leaders 12 (Vice-President)

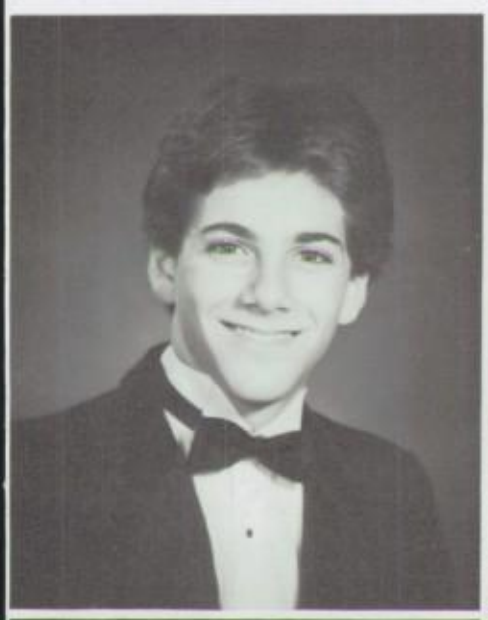
Jay Dean Gaskins — Art 10, Bus Driver 9, 10, 11, 12, D.E.C.A. 12

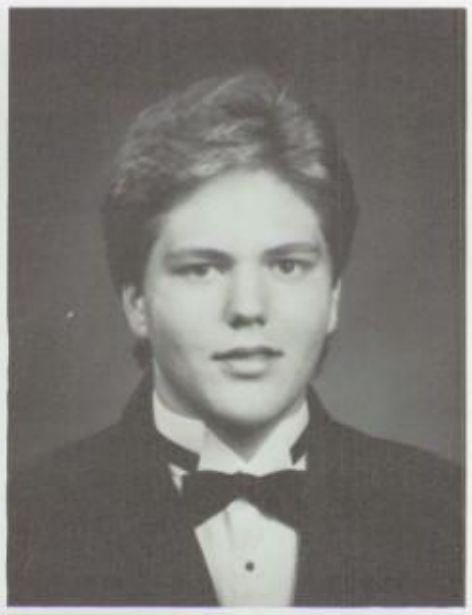
Barbara Gassman

Warren James Geiger — Soccer 9, J.V. Basketball 10, Student Council 10, 11, Golf 9, 10, 11, 12, Boys' State, Future Business Leaders 12, Football 12

usually contain messages such as, "Ha! Ha! Fooled you!" and, "Just wanted to see if you were paying attention!" Lastly, probably the most treacherous form of note is the deadly offspring of the age-old Chain Letter. Usually full of juicy gossip, Link Notes take possession of the reader and compel him or her to pass it on to the next person until everyone in the entire class knows "the latest dirt" of the school. Most of the letters that Lea Peals passes contain a special column entitled "Lea's Sleaze," where she keeps her friends up to date on the latest juice.

Each one of these types plays an important role in keeping up the "social standards" of the school, because, for goodness sakes, there is more to school than just learning!

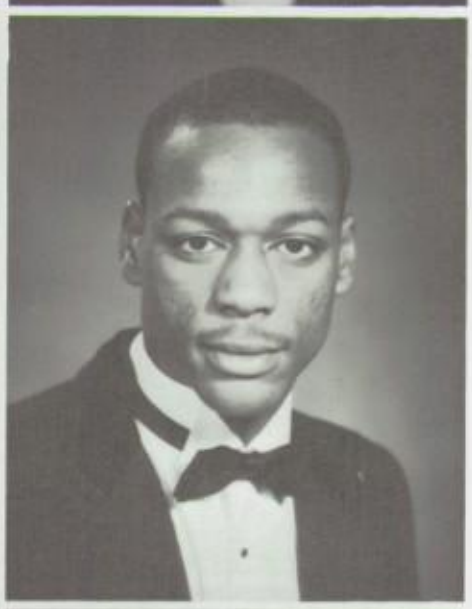




Craig Stuart Gilden — Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Mu Alpha Theta 10, 11, 12, Math Team 11, 12, Boys' State, Academic Team 12, National Honor Society 11, 12, **Who's Who**, "El Cid"

Cassonya Daneen Goldman — Transportation Office Worker 10, 11, 12

Mark Goodwin



Patricia Erin Grace — J.V. Band 10, Powder Puff Football 10, 11, 12, **Babes in Arms, Oh! Kay!, Hoofbeats** Staff 10, 11 (Sports Editor), 12 (Page Editor)

Lisa Michelle Green — Office Worker 11, 12, Bus Driver 12

Ray Griffin

Carol Hair — French 9, 10, 11, 12, Ski Club 11, Student Council 11, Art 12

Kathryn Lynn Harden — NJROTC 10, Art I 12

Stacey Lavette Harris

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Lockers Serve Many Purposes for Students

Aimée Smith juggles her bulging book bag at the end of the day as she prepares to file all unnecessary books in her locker.

"Satan, man! my locker is on the war-path again!" senior Lea Peals exclaims as she frantically searches for her *Lord of the Flies* Cliffs Notes. This may sound unusual, but is often heard through the halls when students can't seem to find a book and claim that their locker ate it, but lockers aren't alive, or are they?

Lockers seem to be nothing more than a hangout between classes for some. According to Corey Burns, a freshman, "You should keep your locker to yourself as far as what is in it, but socialize around it."

Many students take pride in their lockers and decorate them to suit their present-day tastes. "The way you decorate your locker reflects your personality" was junior Beth Whittle's opinion on the subject.

Although there are enough lockers for all, some students still share. They share because they either want to, or one was assigned a bottom locker, which is usually *bad* news! Bottom lockers mean a year full of getting stepped on, falling books, and headaches from boppin one's head on the locke above.

Yet some students are op posed to the idea of sharing Paxson Jeancake stated "Don't ever share with mor than one person, because i makes you late for class."

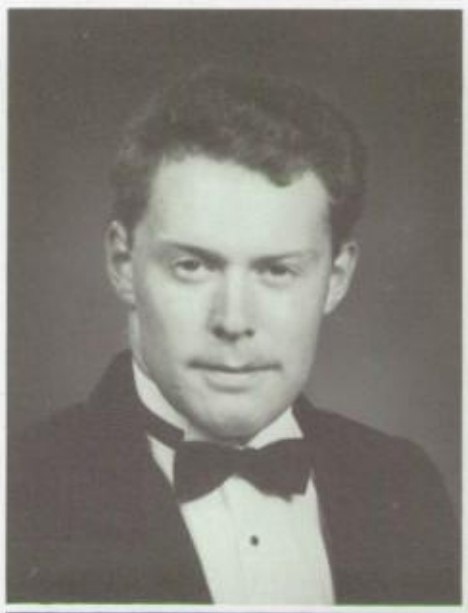
Whether stag or coupled top or bottom, decorated o not — a locker is a locker, an it is the one thing that can b counted on during hig school.

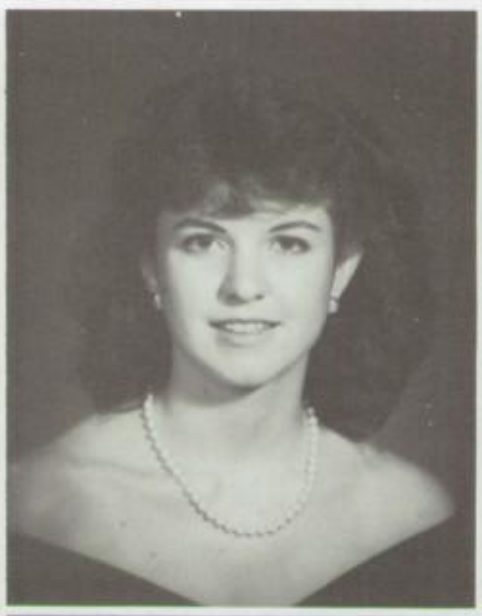
by: me!

William Alan Hay II — Art 9, 12, J.V. Basketball 9, 10, Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12, Office Worker 10, 11, 12, **Calliope** 12

Angela Dawn Hensley — Art 9, Key Club 10, 11, Future Business Leaders 12, Future Homemakers 12

Katherine Marie Herd — Mu Alpha Theta 11, 12, Teacher Cadet, **Hoofbeats** Staff 12 (Page Editor), **Who's Who**





Cintia Herrera — Ski Club

Leslie Kenyotta High — S.T.E.P. 9, Band 9, 10, 11, Pep Band, **Hoofbeats** Staff 10, Student Council 10, Science Club 11, Junior Class Treasurer, Beta Club 10, 11, 12 (Treasurer), Key Club 10, 11, 12 (Vice-President), **Who's Who**

Julie Ann Hill — Future Business Leaders 10, 11 (President), 12 (President), Future Secretaries 12, Office Worker 12

Edwin Todd Hill — Ski Club 12

Tanya René Hodges — Student Council 9, 10, **Winner's Circle** Staff 9, 10, Flag Corps 9, 10, 11 (Co-Captain), 12 (Captain), Office Worker 10, S.A.D.D. 11, 12, Girls' State, Homecoming Queen 12, **Who's Who**

Joseph W. Holdren — Future Business Leaders 12, NJROTC Academic Team 10, 11

Brad Holmes — Spanish 9, 10, J.V. Football 9, Varsity Football 10, 11, 12, Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12, **Who's Who**

Craig Andrew Holston — Student Council 9, 10, 11, Bus Driver 10, 11, 12, Future Homemakers 11, Office Worker 11, J.V. Basketball 10, Varsity Basketball 11, 12, NJROTC Board of Governors 11, 12, Art 12

James E. Hooper — Computer Repair I, II (Vocational)

Lewis V. Howell — Cafeteria Assistant 9, 10, 11, 12

Ashley Suzanne Hydrick — Office Worker 9, 12, Track 9, 10, 11, 12, **Hoofbeats** Staff 12

Crystal Lynn Hydrick — Cheerleader 9, Future Homemakers 9, 10, Rifle Corps 9, 10, 11, Track 9, 10, 11, Band 9, 10, 11, Leo Club 9, 10, 11, Fellowship of Christian Athletes 9, 10, 11, Foreign Language Club 10 (Secretary), 11, **Smoke Signal** Newspaper Staff 10, 11, Prom Committee 11, Key Club 11, 12, Art 12, Ski Club 12

Althea Johnson

Andrea Erin Johnson — **Hoofbeats** Staff 10, Art 11, 12

Jamie Alex Johnson — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12

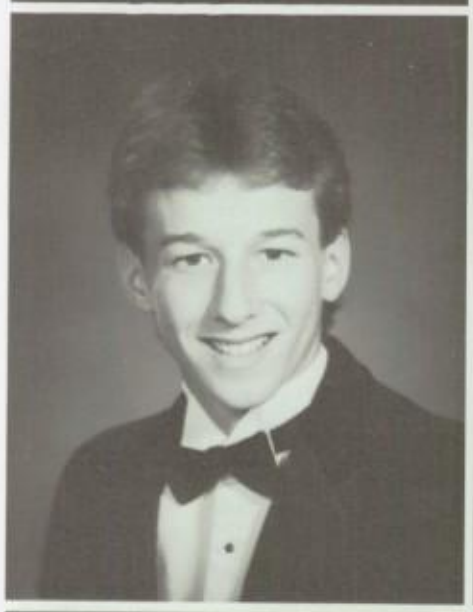
Yolanda J. Johnson

— Jennifer Ashley Jones

— J.V. Basketball 9, 10, Varsity Basketball 12, Band 9, 10, Freshman Class Secretary, Sophomore Class Secretary, German Club, Mu Alpha Theta 11, Creative Writing 12, **Who's Who**, Track 9, 10, 12

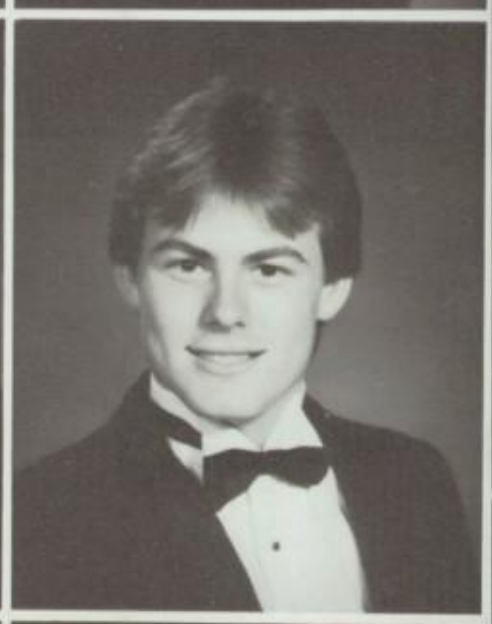
Erin Noel Jones —

Student Council 9, 10, Band 9, 10, Office Worker 12



Brad Kauffman — Office Worker, Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12, Honor Student 87-88

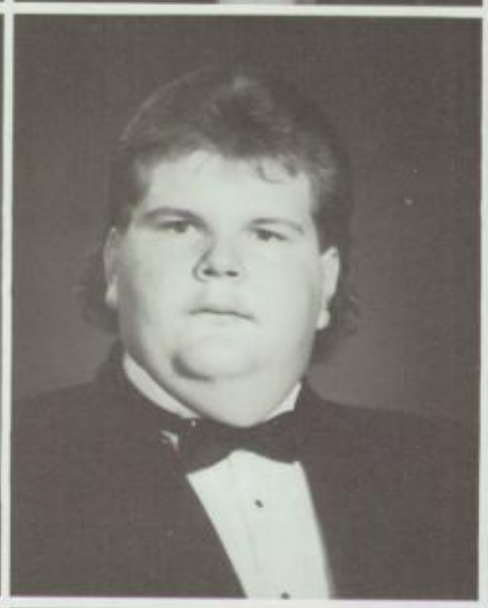
Jeremy Keller — Band 9, NJROTC Board of Governors 12, Creative Writing 12, NJROTC 9, 10, 11, 12, NJROTC Academic Team 9, 10, 11, 12



Brad Kelly — Mu Alpha Theta 11, 12, National Honor Society 11, 12, Office Worker 11, 12, Student Rotarian, Boys' State, Furman Scholar, **Who's Who**

Michelle Denice Kemp

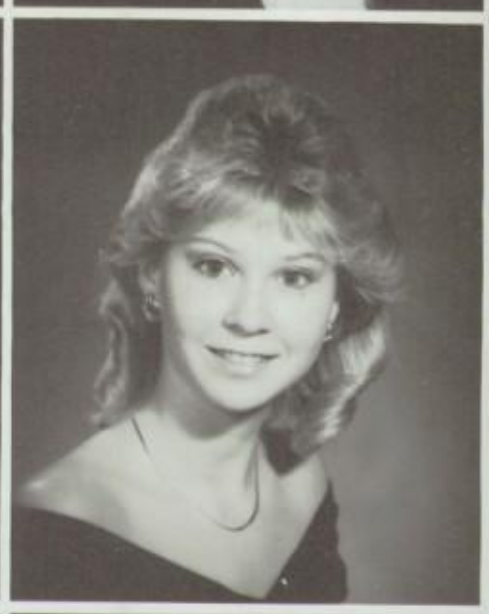
— Concert Choir 9, 10, 11, 12, D.E.C.A. 11, 12



Randy L. Key

Julie Michelle Kneece

— Future Secretaries 11, Prom Committee 11, Office Worker 11, 12



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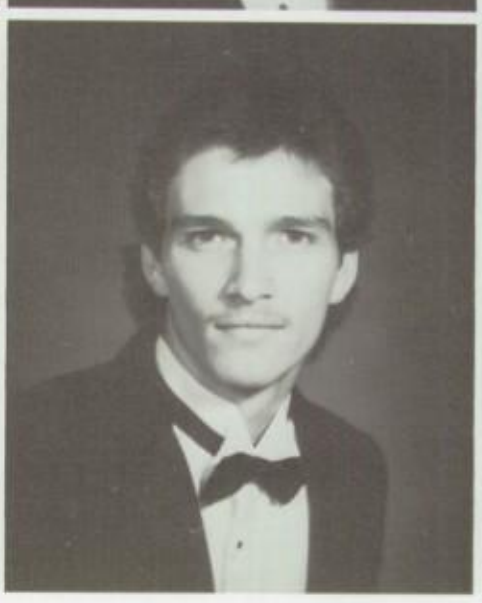
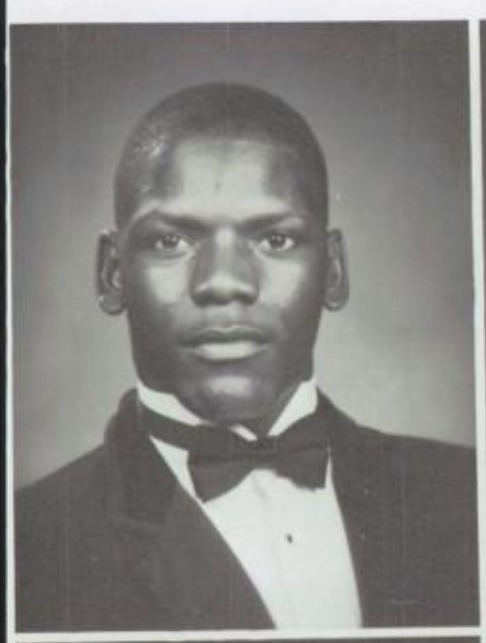


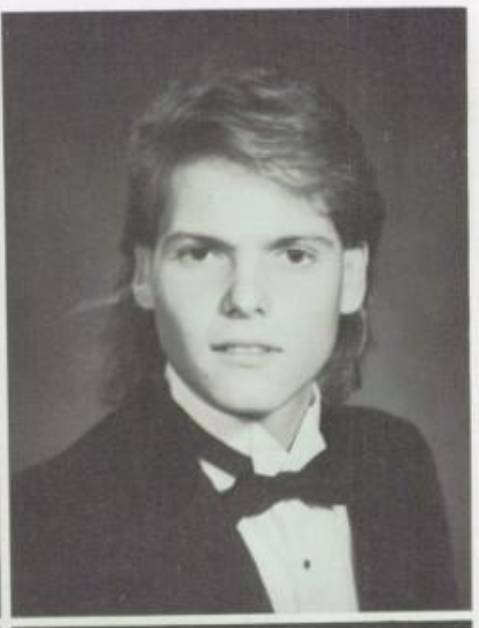
— Daniel Koon

Erica Arlene Landy —

Future Homemakers 9, 10, Math Team 9, 10, Key Club 9, 10, 11 (Vice-President), 12 (President), Student Council 9, 10, 11, Sophomore Class Representative, Junior Class Vice-President, **Hoofbeats** Staff 10, 11 (Editor), Beta Club 10, 11, 12 (Secretary), Model United Nations 11, 12, Office Worker 12

syching up before the Aiken-outh Aiken game on November the varsity football players pist **Brad Holmes** and **Shawn atterson** on their shoulders.





Reginald O. Landy — J.V. Football 9, Varsity Football 10, 11, 12

Terri Marice Langford — Key Club 10, 11, 12, Beta Club 12, **Who's Who**

Jan Mejlgaard Larsen — Ski Club 12, Soccer 12

Debi M. Leinart — Student Council 9, D.E.C.A. 11, Art I 12, **Calliope** 12, Creative Writing 12, Future Business Leaders 12 (Historian), Ski Club 12

Stephanie Andrea Lloyd — Student Council 9, 10, 11, Cheerleader 10, 11, 12, Beta Club 11, 12 (President), Key Club 11, 12, S.A.D.D. 11, 12, Office Worker 12, **Who's Who,** NJROTC Board of Governors 12

Leslie Jo Lockhart — Tennis 9, 10, Student Council 9, 10, 11, Key Club 10, **Hoofbeats** Staff 10, S.A.D.D. 11, Varsity Cheerleader 11, 12, Academic All-American 11, 12, A.I.S.E. Student Exchange Program to France 12, Creative Writing 12, **Who's Who** 11, 12

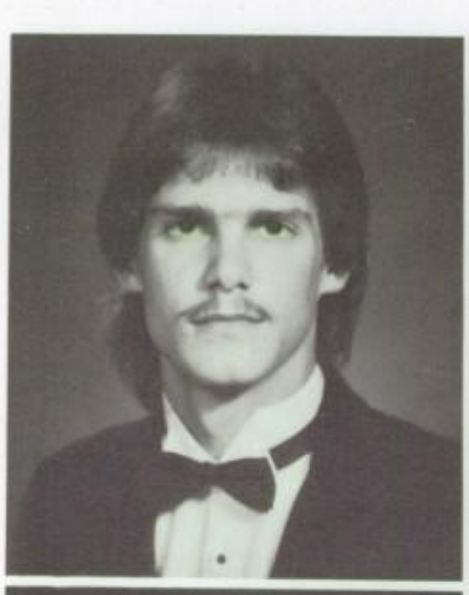
OPEN MOUTH, INSERT FOOT

Recalling Those Red-Faced Moments

We've all had those times where we were so embarrassed we wished the ground would just open up and swallow us alive.

"My most embarrassing moment," says Angela Hensley, a senior, "was when a friend and I locked my keys in my car and we had to walk through eight inches of clay mud to get to a phone which didn't even work. When we got back to the car we discovered a pay phone not even ten feet away!" Things could have been worse — it could have happened at school. Ombra Taylor, a sophomore, says, "Dropping an entire load of books in the middle of the hall is pretty rough." Austin Fox, a senior, says, "I hate it when you have a bottom locker and you stand up and hit your head on the door of the locker above you." "Accidentally walking into the girls' bathroom and kinda standing there wondering why it looks different is really bright," says senior Bill Mitrik. Elizabeth McKay, a sophomore, says, "I nearly died when I slipped on a pickle in the lunchroom and fell and spilled tea all over myself!" Beth Pritchard, a senior, says that, "accidentally kicking your shoe and having it land in your date's lap in the movie theater is the worst, especially when it's your first date!" Bryant Caveness, also a senior, recalls this tale: "I was lifting weights and I split my shorts." "I did that, too," says Mark Chostner, "except I was doing the broad jump when mine split."

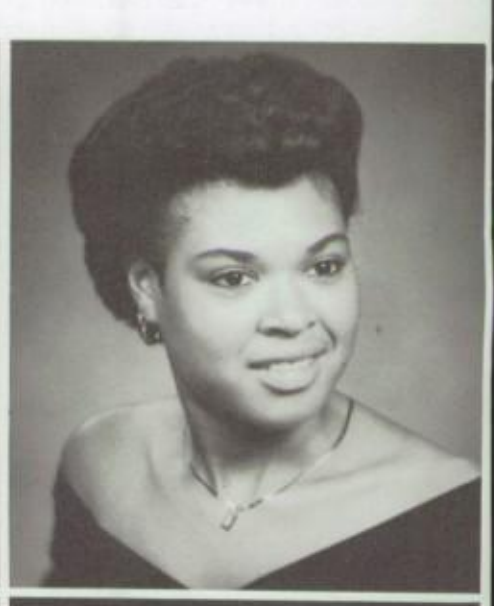
Even though you probably felt like digging a hole in the ground that very moment, these embarrassing moments are what make life in high school so unpredictable and fun. It just wouldn't be the same without them.

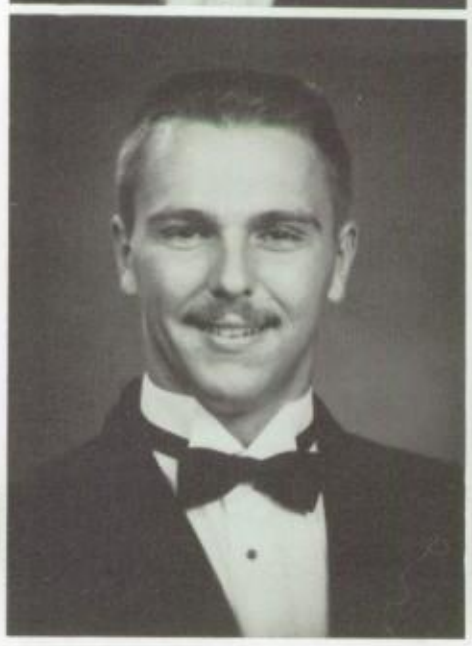


Craig Losier

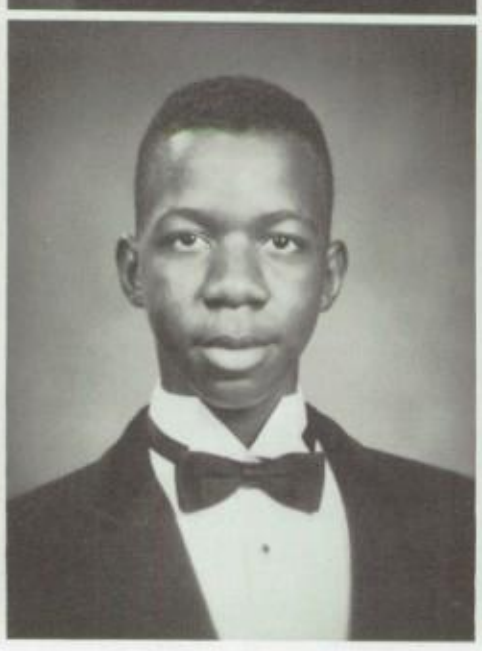
— Kimberly Lowe

Serice Yvette Lundy — NJROTC Board of Governors 9, Office Worker 10, 11, 12, D.E.C.A. 11, 12, Future Business Leaders 12





Kevin Lynn — Mu Alpha Theta 10, 11, 12, Baseball 10, 11, 12, Band 9, Football 11, Office Worker 11, **Who's Who**



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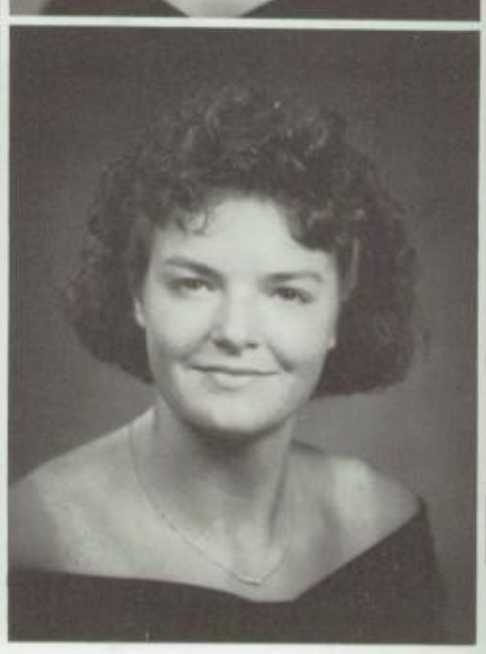
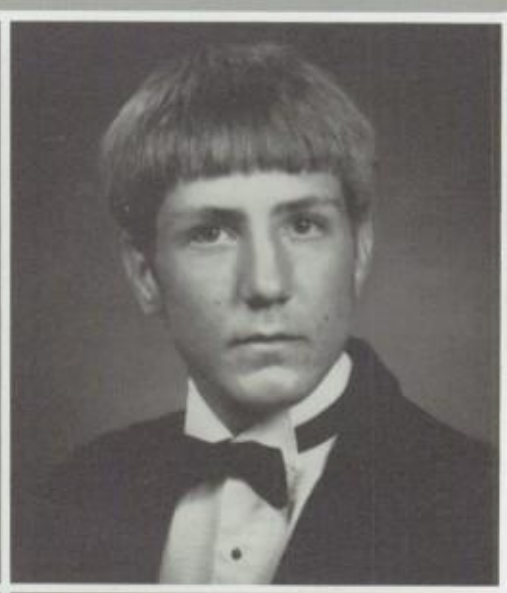


— Christina Lynn MacMurdo — Volleyball 9, Math Team 9, 10, 11, 12, Mu Alpha Theta 10, 11, 12, National Honor Society 11, 12, Science Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Track 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Executive Committee for Student Council, Class President 9, 10, 11, 12, Governor's School for Academics, Student Rotarian, Furman Scholar, Erskine Scholar, Presbyterian Scholar, ROTC Scholar/Athlete Award, Columbia College Scholar, All-State Basketball, All-State Track

Caren Renee Maguire — **Hoofbeats** Staff 12, French Club 9, 10, Honor Roll 11

Jessica Maldonado — Band 9, Art 9, 12



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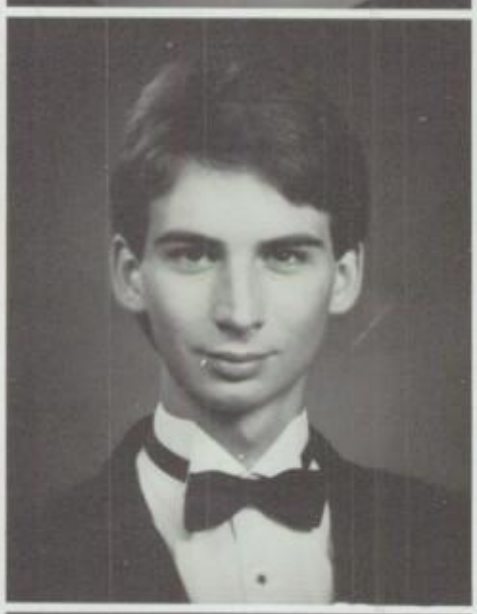
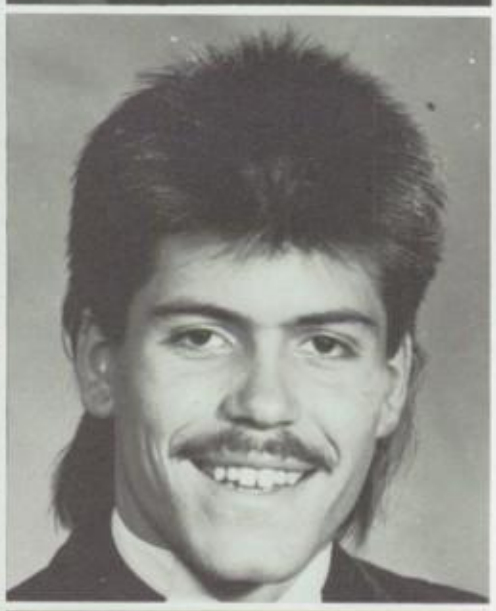


David Martindale

Angela Robin Mathis — Key Club 10, 11, S.A.D.D. Executive Officer, Student Council 12, Softball 11, 12, Junior Achievement

Clint L. Matthews — Band 9, 10, 11, 12

Darlene Maynard — Key Club 12, Office Worker 12, S.A.D.D. 11, **Hoofbeats** Staff 10, 11, Senate Page 11



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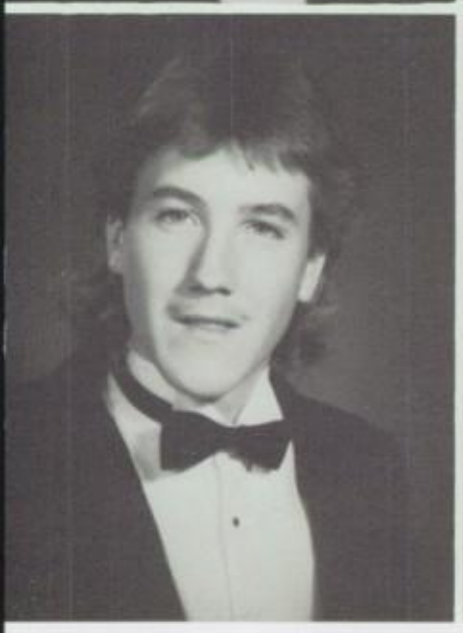

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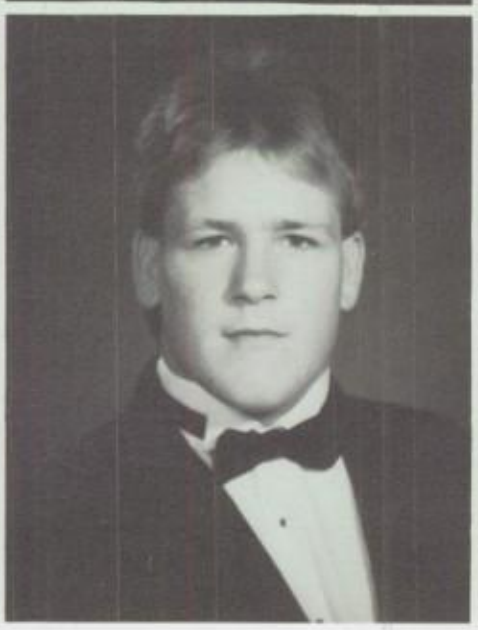


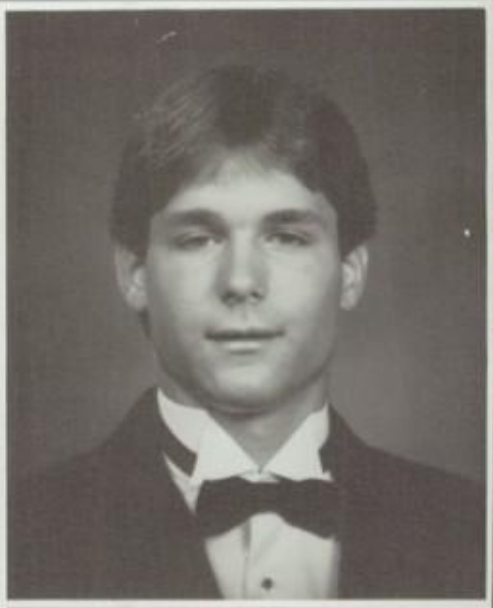
Nathan McDaniel — Art 11, 12, D.E.C.A. 12, Varsity Football 9, 10, 11, 12

Melanie Elizabeth McGee — Future Business Leaders 12, Future Secretaries 11, 12

Leslie D. McGuire — Art 9, 10, 11, Library Assistant 10, 11, Band 9, French 9, 10

Erin Lynne McKinney — Art 11, 12, Calliope 12, Creative Writing 12, Who's Who

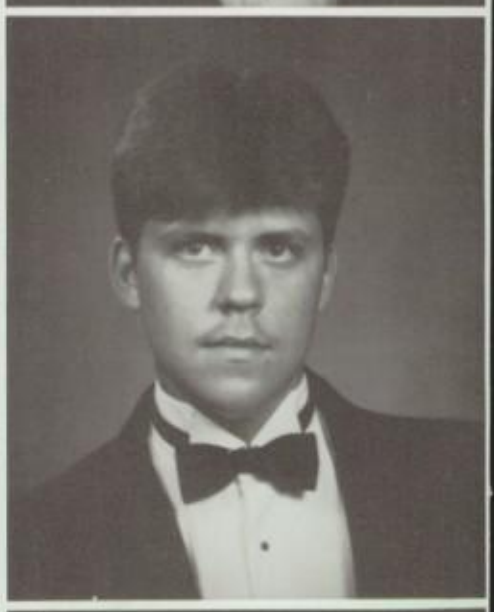
James Russell Messick — J.V. Basketball (MVP), Varsity Football 10, 11, 12, Varsity Baseball 10, 11, 12, Varsity Basketball 10, 11, 12



Kimberly Denise Mills — Student Council 9, Guidance 9, 10

William Andrew Mitrik, III — Prom Committee, Student Council, Office Worker 12, Soccer 10, 11, 12

Chris Wayne Moore — Art, NJROTC Rifle Team



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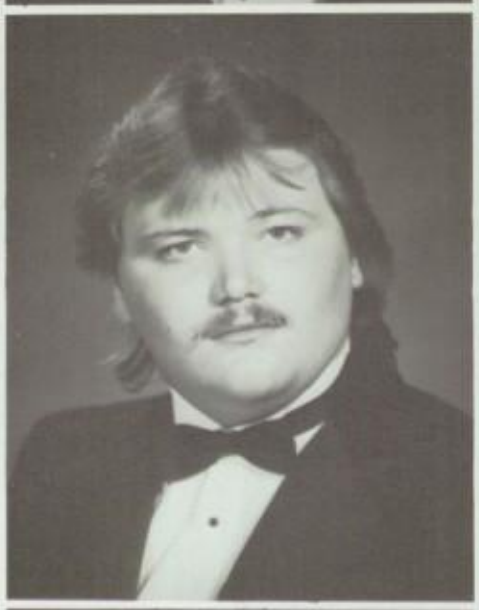
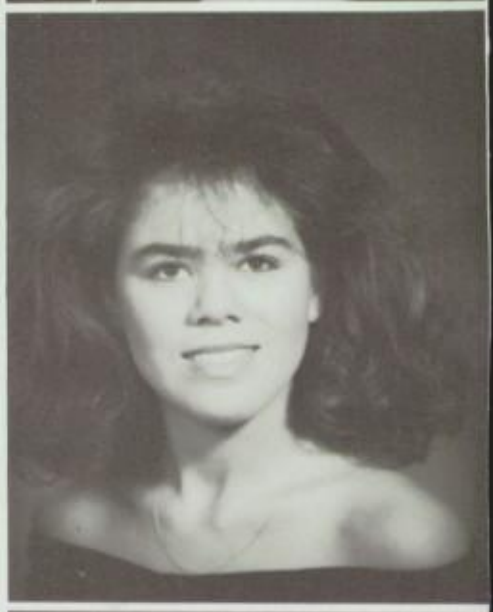
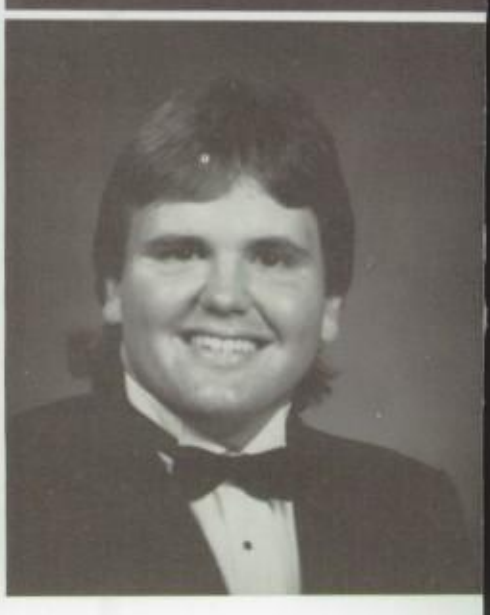




Laura Lynn Murdaugh — Prom Committee 11, V.I.C.A. 11, 12

Bruce E. Murray

Christian James Mutschler — J.V. Football 9, 10, Varsity Football 11, 12, Mu Alpha Theta 11, 12, National Honor Society 11, 12, (Vice-President 12), **Calliope** 12, Creative Writing 12, Boys' State, **Who's Who**



BLEEDING US DRY

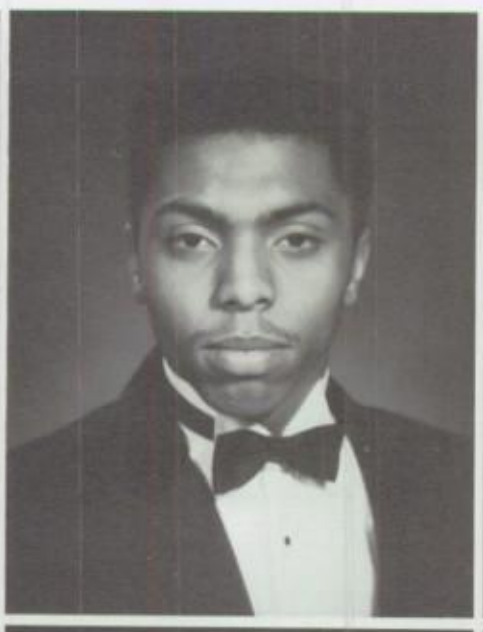
Fight the High Cost of Graduating

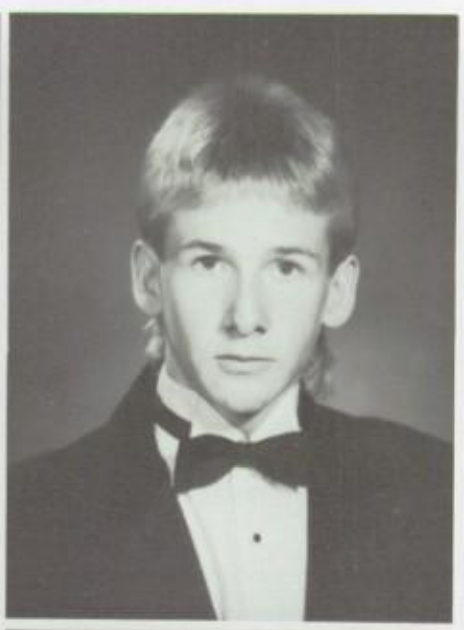
During the 1987-1988 school year, students all over the country emptied their pockets or their parents' bank accounts to cover the rising cost of being a senior. Whether paying for a cap and gown or an array of pictures, few seniors could resist the opportunity to make their final year the best and most memorable of their educational career. As senior Doug Smith put it, "It's like buying our way out of school, but it's all worth it. It's the last one, so what the heck!"

Many parents asked that their children pay their own expenses, whether they could afford it or not. Students who were unable to cover the costs were forced to either do without the extras or get a job that paid well enough to support their "needs." Some chose to pay for it themselves. Senior Julie Hill felt that, "as long as I had the money, I'd pay for it myself."

Still others managed to work out agreements. Their parents agreed to pay one half and they agreed to pay the other half, either by earning the money or doing extra jobs around the house to pay off the difference of the many extra expenses.

Many seniors felt that the costs had risen too high. The price for a full set of senior pictures had elevated to over a hundred dollars. This, in addition to the cost of a cap and gown, fees for the graduation ceremony, and the school fees that South Aiken students were required to pay, was enough to bankrupt almost anyone. Some people felt that the school should have tried to eliminate, or at least reduce, the fees for the actual graduation. Cheryl Burris strongly agreed with this idea, "It's supposed to be a free education, so why should we have to pay to graduate." Others, such as senior Andrea Stein, believed that the costs were too high, but there was no other choice. "I find that it's rather expensive, but, hey, what can you do about it. I'm just ready to graduate." Most students though, shared the feelings of senior Craig Gilden, who mumbled with a crazed look in his eyes, "I'll do ANYTHING to get out of this place!"





Alison Kae Nandrasy — Key Club 10, 11, S.A.D.D. 12 (Officer), **Calliope** 12, Creative Writing 12

Darren K. Nicholson — Office Worker 9, NJROTC Board of Governors 9, S.A.D.D. 10, Track 9, Basketball 9, Football 9, 11, Key Club 10, 11, 12, Future Homemakers 10, 11, 12, D.E.C.A. 11, 12, Bus Driver 10, 11, 12

Eric W. Norvell — Art

Delores Marie Oakman — Future Business Leaders 11, D.E.C.A. 11

Matthew Sean O'Brien — Mu Alpha Theta, Art 12, S.A.D.D. 11, 12 **Who's Who**

Mike Oliver

CLIQUES

We Are Not Alone

"As I stepped out of the bright sunlight into the darkness of the commons area, I knew that the school year was to be filled with encounters of many different people," Aimee Smith commented. Every person is his own individual, but we hardly ever see it like that. People just naturally "hang out" with others who have similar tastes as their own. One recognizes the typical various groups — preps, jocks, rebels, bookworms, and, more recently, skateboarders. Each one of these groups moves in their own worlds and very seldom is there any crossover between them.

Lingering in the entrance, one of the first eye-catching groups is the rebels. These people are proud of the fact that they are Southerners. Every school event finds them waving a "Rebel" flag and ringing cow bells. The traditional outfit is the worn-faded Lee jeans and tee-shirts with such logos as "The South Shall Rise Again." Their most prized possession is a candy-apple red pick-up truck. In general, rebels are kind people, who are adamant supporters of the South.

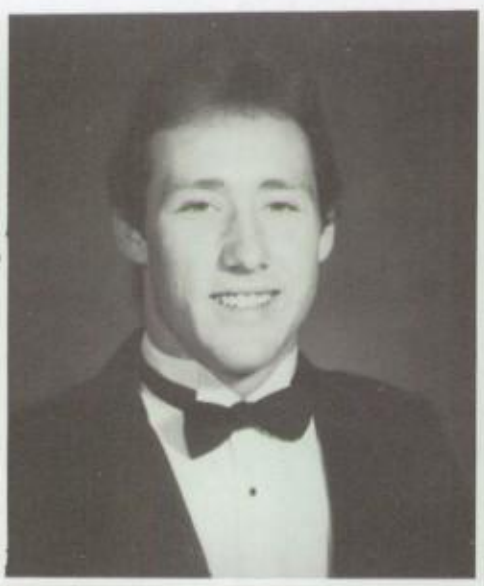
Shuffling into the commons area one recognizes the preps. Yes, there they are, all carbon copies of the other — laughing at the same silly joke and talking about the events of the weekend. Prepettes usually deck-out in the latest fashions from the Limited or J. B. White's. The males of this group alternate wearing Guess jeans or Chenno's, but the shirt is always the same, carefully pressed and tucked into the pants. This is the group the loners want to be a part of, and why not? This clique has the most fun and the best parties. Everybody just loves the preps, just ask any one of them.

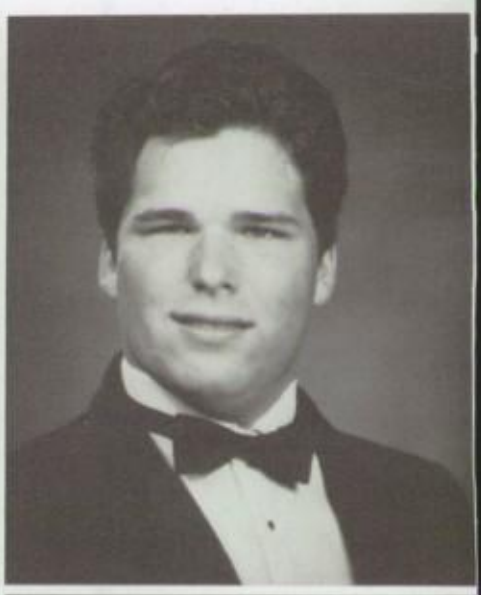
Nearby are located the preps ally — the jocks. Jocks, usually made up of the seasonal sport players, transfer back and forth quite easily between their subdivision of the larger prep group. Wearing jeans and a tee-shirt or sweats, this group sits around discussing sport stats and places bets on the upcoming game.

Nina Paulette Ooft — Band 9, Concert Choir 11, 12, Key Club 12

Jeffrey Scott Osborne — Perfect Attendance 9, 10, 11, Camo Crew 10, 11, Student Council 12, Football 9, 10, 11, 12

Eugene W. Pajerski — Art 10, 11





— **Steve S. Parsons —** Mu Alpha Theta 12, Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, **Who's Who,** Student Council 12

Michelle Denise Patten — NJROTC Board of Governors 9, 10, Office Worker 11

Kenneth Patterson

Avoiding the stares of the others are the skateboarders, and more often, the posers — those who dress like skateboarders but do not know the first thing about it. True skateboarders do not flaunt their individuality — trying to pass unnoticed through the crowd. The posers, on the other hand, are so "rad" with their style of dress that one cannot stop staring at their pretentious individuality. Behind all the aloofness there are people who can see the world with both eyes open, only their hair has to be held back.

Advancing across the commons, one spots the bookworms sitting at a table covered with books, not only the usual ones, but books from a multitude of libraries. Eavesdropping on their conversation, phrases like "linear tangency to a curve" and "volume directly proportional to the inverse of the reciprocal of the pressure divided by the constant *Theta.*" The only time they are talked to is when they have done the hardest homework problems and everyone else wants to copy it.

Then as the bell rings and the people move one realizes that the separate groups all move in the same pattern. They all have one common bond — all are students, yet all are "Bred To Be Different."

Lea Ellen Peals — Freshman Class Vice-President, Sophomore Class Vice-President, Prom Decorating Committee, Pep Band, Student Council 9, 10, 12, (Calendar Committee), Band 9, 10, Teacher Cadet, Camo Crew 10, **Who's Who, Winner's Circle** 9, 10, 11, 12

Mary Jeanine Peebles — Student Council 10, Flag Corps 11, 12, S.A.D.D. 11, 12

Aquinas M. Peterson

Zowie Peterson

Matthew John Plodinec — Academic Team 10, 11, 12, Science Club 10, 11, 12, Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, German Club, **Hoofbeats** 12, Soccer 10, 11, 12, Football 12, Governor's School, National Merit Semi-Finalist, **Who's Who,** MOWW Leadership Seminar, NJROTC Academic Team 9, 10, 11, 12, (Commander 11, 12), NJROTC Battalion Executive Officer, Cadet of the Year, Meritorious Achievement, U.S. Naval Academy Seminar

Holly Ann Porter — Future Farmers of America 9

Judith Paige Price — Key Club 10, Future Business Leaders 12, Student Council 12, **Hoofbeats** Staff 12, French 9, 10, 11, 12, Chairperson of Fundraising Committee

Sarah Adella Wyse Price — Band 9, 10, Varsity Track 9, 10, 11, Math Team 11, 12, Mu Alpha Theta 12, Science Club 11, 12, **Who's Who,** National Merit Scholar Commended Student

Sarah Elizabeth Pritchard — Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12, Mu Alpha Theta 10, 11, 12, Model United Nations 11, 12, National Honor Society 11, 12, Key Club 11, 12, (Treasurer), **Calliope** 12, Student Executive Council, School Advisory Council, Student Rotarian, **Who's Who,** Rep. to the Youth Leadership Conference, SCSPA Vice-President 11, President 12, **Winner's Circle** 9, 10, 11, 12, (editor), University Scholar, District Exchange Student, Homecoming Court, Aiken County Youth of the Year

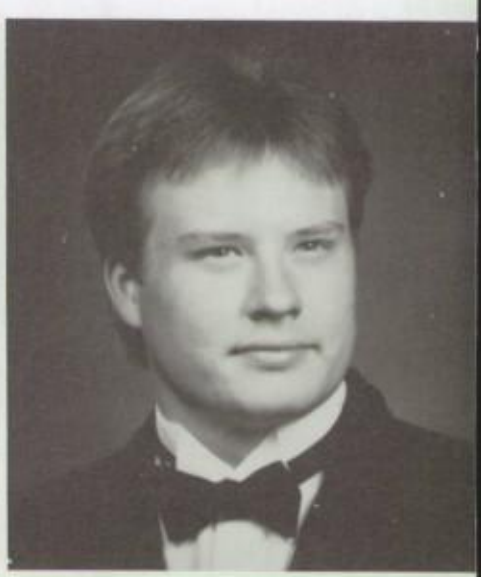
Pressing the vein tightly after giving blood, **Debra Creech** looks forward to the Coke break.

Slurping his milkshake **Ronald Patterson** anticipates the South Aiken vs. Aiken High pep assembly.

Barbara Jeannine Proctor — V.I.C.A. Club

Kim Kristine Proctor — Library Assistant 9, Bus Driver 11, 12

Robert E. Proctor



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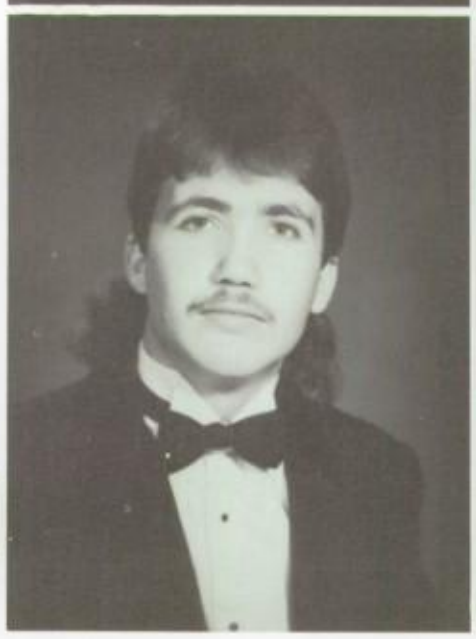
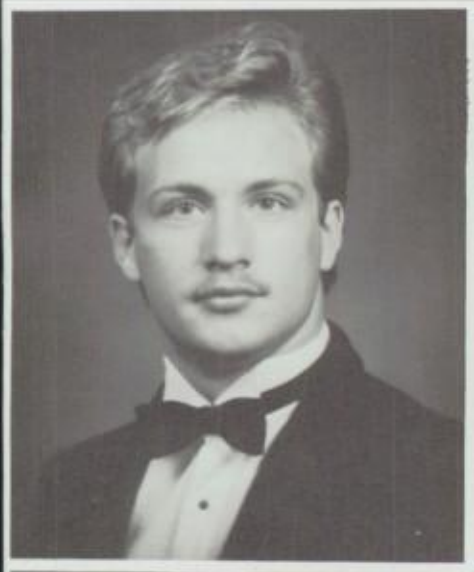
Charlene Raiford — Beta Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Future Business Leaders 9, 12, Student Council 9, **Hoofbeats** Staff 9, 10, Teacher's Helper 12, **Who's Who**

Gayle Vanessa Ramdeen — Academic Team 10, 11, 12, Math Team 10, 11, 12, Mu Alpha Theta 10, 11, 12, National Honor Society 11, 12, Science Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Student Council 9, 10, **Hoofbeats** 10, 11, 12 **Who's Who,** S.C. Junior Academy of Science, S.C. J.A.S. Board of Directors, National Merit Scholar for Outstanding Negro Students Semi-Finalist, Summer-Tech Coop, S.T.E.P.

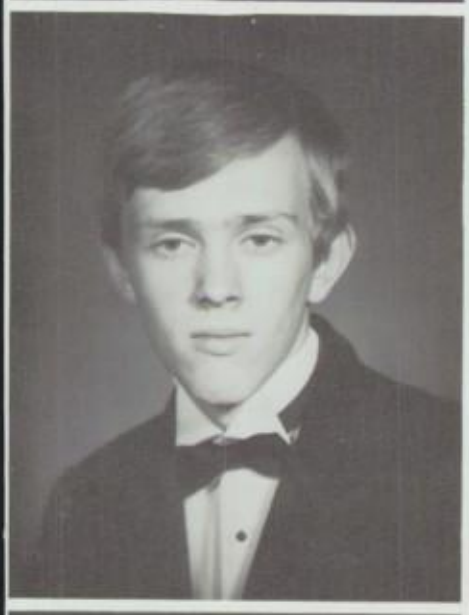




Christopher Lee Ramey — Future Business Leaders 10, 11, Office Worker 12, Student Council 10, 11, **Hoofbeats** Staff 10, 11, 12, **Winner's Circle** 10, 11

Melissa Jane Randolph — S.A.D.D.

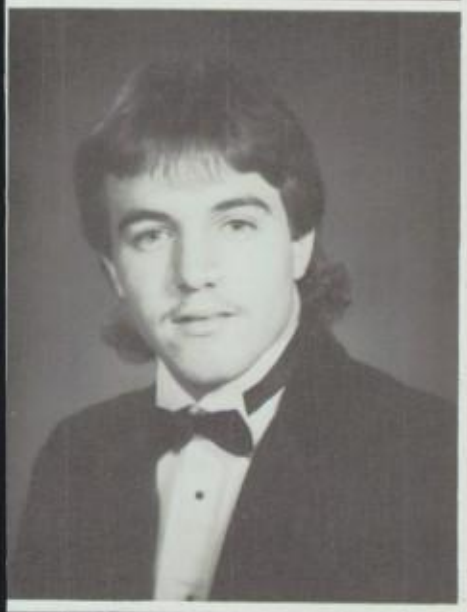
Audrey Kathryn Ranson — Key Club 9, 10, Mu Alpha Theta 10, 11, 12, Track 9, National Honor Society 11, 12 (Treasurer), Student Council 11, Cheerleader 11, **Who's Who,** University Scholar, Augusta College Scholar, Aiken's Junior Miss 1987



Harold Brian Raynor — **Who's Who,** Math Team 12, Mu Alpha Theta 12, Science Club 11, 12, **Winner's Circle** 12

Lisa Ann Redd — Cosmetology 11, 12, V.I.C.A. 11, 12

Angela Delores Richardson — Future Homemakers 9, 10, D.E.C.A. 11, 12, NJROTC, Track 9, 10, 11



Ken I. Richardson

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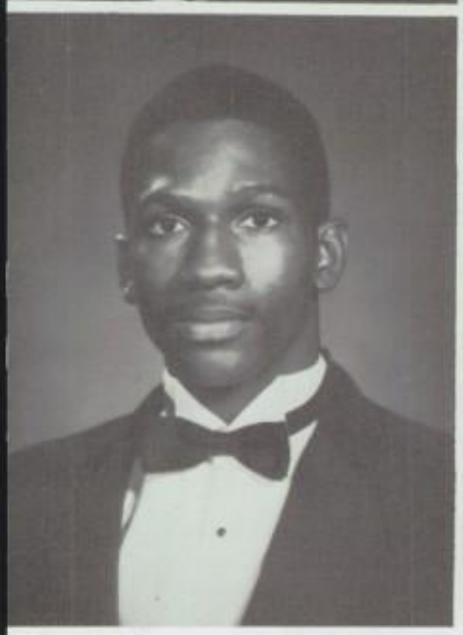
Mysti Kaye Robbins — Art 12, D.E.C.A. 11, Future Homemakers 9, Office Worker 10, 11, 12, S.A.D.D. 12, Band 9, 10, Pep Band 9, 10, Class Officer 9, Spanish 12, Camo Crew 10, 11, 12, Spirit Committee 12, Track 9, Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Softball 9, 10, 11, 12



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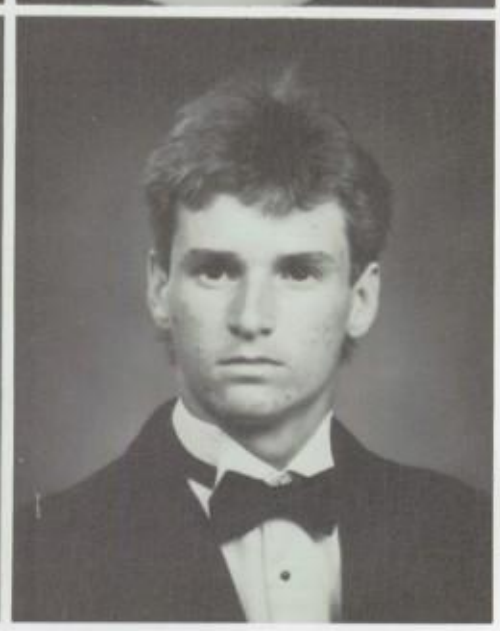
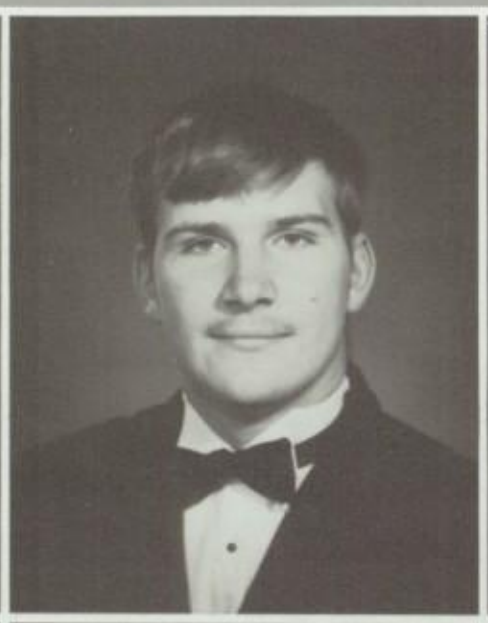


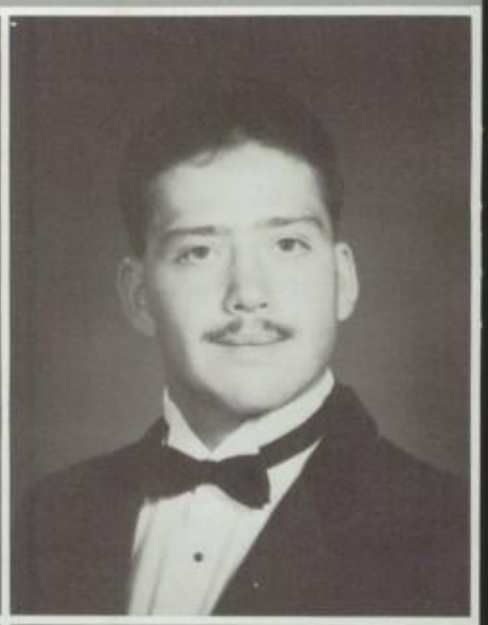
Ralph Roe — Baseball 10, Football 11, 12

Allison Renae Rutland — Art 9

Ken Ray Sanders — Office Worker 10, 11

Thomas Michael Santomauro — Mu Alpha Theta 11, 12, National Honor Society 11, 12 (Treasurer), Varsity Football 11, 12, Student Council 9, 12, NJROTC Board of Governors 11, 12, Senior Class Treasurer, **Who's Who,** Boys' State, NJROTC Academic Team 10, 11, 12, Camo Crew 10, 11, Honor Roll 9, 10, 11, 12, University Scholar, Augusta College Scholar, Soccer 12





Marci Leigh Sauls — Track 9, 10, Band 9, 10, National Honor Society 11, **Winner's Circle** 11, **Who's Who,** HOBY Ambassador, Senate Page

Patricia Marion Schilling — D.E.C.A. 11, 12, Guidance Worker 9, S.A.D.D. 10, 11, 12, Flag Corps 10, 11, 12, School Play 9, 10, 11

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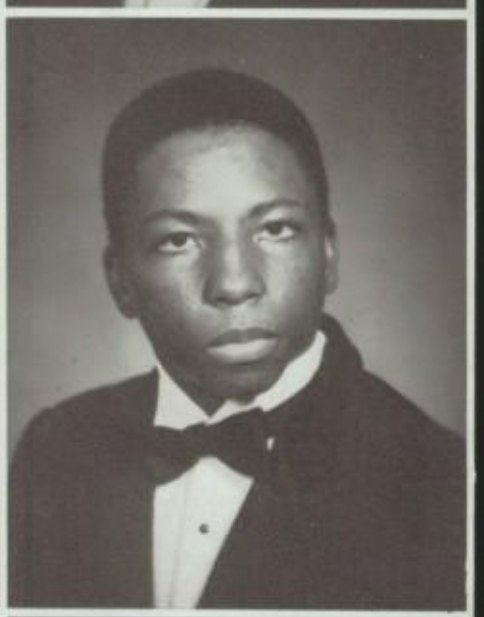
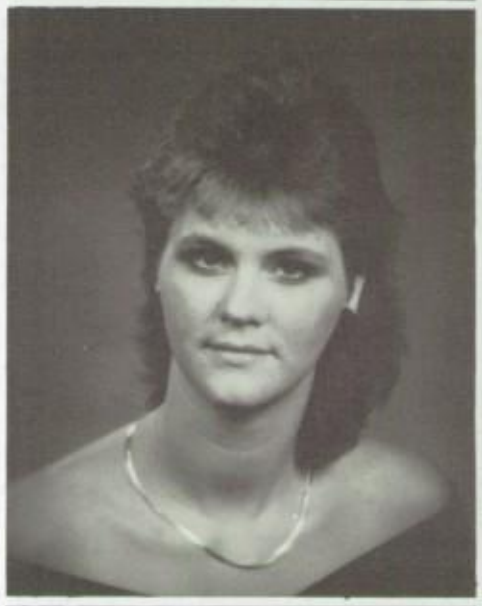


Jeannie Lynnette Schultz — Art 11, 12, Future Business Leaders 12, Office Worker 10, Student Council 10, Industrial Arts

Dawn Renee Schwalbert — Art 11, Key Club 11, Mu Alpha Theta 10, 11, Office Worker 11, 12, S.A.D.D. 11, 12, **Who's Who,** Cheerleader 9, 10, 11, 12, French 9, 10, 11, 12

Melissa Marie Seigler — D.E.C.A., Office Worker, Softball



Aretha Antionette Shaw — D.E.C.A. 11, 12, Future Homemakers 12, Office Worker 9, 11, S.A.D.D. 11, 12, NJROTC Board of Governors 9, 10, 121, **Who's Who,** Boy Scouts of America

Maureen Elizabeth Sheehan — Art 11, Student Council 12, Cheerleader 9, 10

Jennifer Leigh Sheff — Art 11, 12, Future Business Leaders 12, Key Club 10, 11, 12, S.A.D.D. 11, Track 9, 10, Powder Puff Football

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

The Countdown to Fun

The first day the students walked through hose heavy, black doors of outh Aiken High School, the ountdown began.

Picture a classroom scene ith heads bowed down as a eacher's monotonous voice ades into the background. yes began to close. It's Monay, the day possessing the ost unpopular duty of all. he day the week gets startd, but where?

According to Mrs. Hayes, he psychology teacher, Mondays are a bit confusg; work is slow. I like Tuesdays better because I begin to get things running." However, students aren't always "chipper" on Tuesdays anymore than they are on Mondays. The days are too close in relation to one another. Moods tend to change as the next day approaches.

Wednesday is the day that creeps up on you. People forget about counting down the days and the feeling of numbness takes over. "Wednesday is just here and everything is mellow," says Ashley Jacobs. The day passes by slowly with only two days left in the countdown.

Thursdays are uncanningly similar to Wednesdays. The activity is still going at a fast pace, but plans are being made for the weekend. Thursday can only be one thing; the day that is linked to the most glorious of all, Friday.

Everyone's favorite day, without a doubt, is Friday. Go to the game, get away for the weekend, and let the good times roll. Says Stacy Burgess, "Friday is just like any other day, but you have more to look forward to."

Spirit Links galore surround **Bill Mitrik** as the final surge of purchasing comes on Friday, October 23 during Spirit Week.

Susan Diane Shook — Mu Alpha Theta 10, 11, 12, National Honor Society 11, 12, Student Council 9, 10, 11, Cheerleader 11, **Who's Who,** Academic All-American

Christina D. Short — Future Homemakers 11, Creative Writing 12, Concert Choir 12

Beverly Jo Shumpert — S.A.D.D. 10, 11, 12, Concert Choir 9, 10, 11, 12

Angela Simmons — Future Homemakers, Key Club, Powder Puff Football

Gus Simmons

Aimée E. Smith — Art 9, Key Club 10, Math Team 12, Mu Alpha Theta 10, 11, 12, Ski Club 12, Student Council 9, **Hoofbeats** Staff 12, **Winner's Circle** 12, Flag Corps 10, **Who's Who,** USIA 11, School Play 9

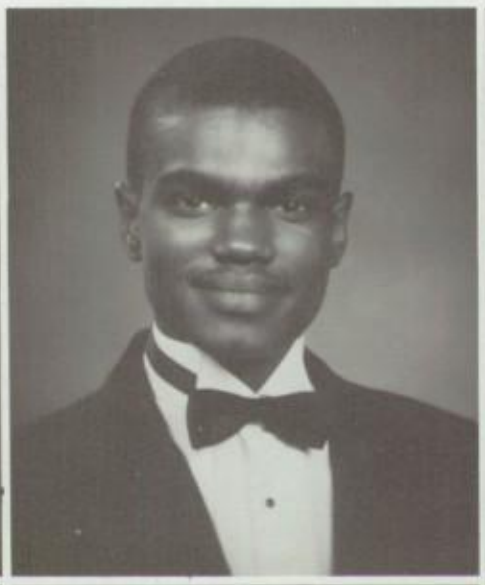
During sixth period, senior **Lindy Steadman** checks the time to make sure the bell will ring at 3:00. The final bell is the most welcomed sound in the life of a high school student.

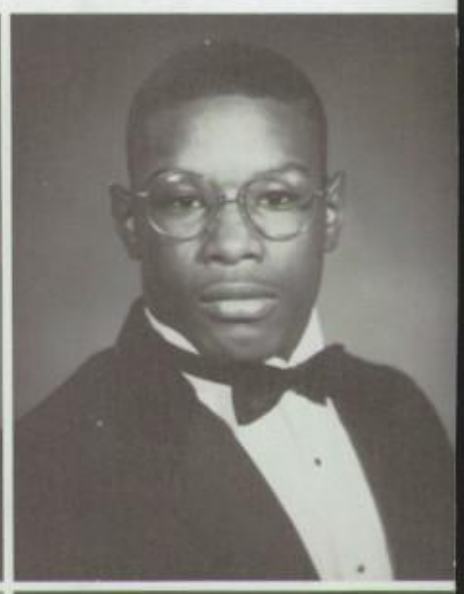
Hoping her bubble won't break, senior **Jennifer Borden** spends some after school time at McDonald's.

Barbie Elizabeth Smith — Mu Alpha Theta, S.A.D.D., Student Council, Executive Committee, Cheerleader 9, 10 (Captain), 11 (Co-Captain), 12 (Captain), **Who's Who,** Homecoming Court

Cedric D. Smith — D.E.C.A. 11, 12

Doug Smith — Art 1 year, Varsity Football 9, 10, 11, 12

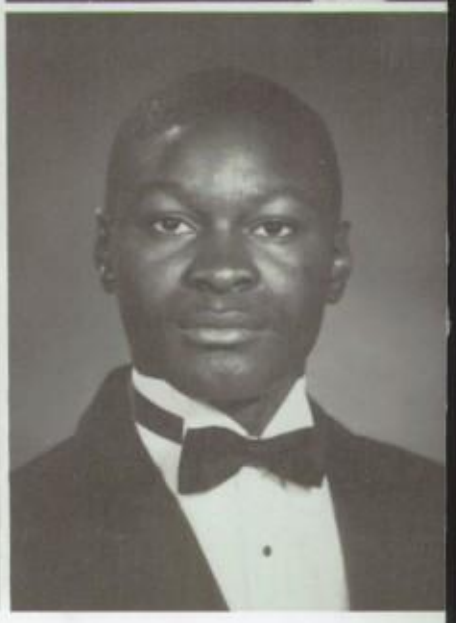




Tonya Maria Smith — Student Council Executive Committee, Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12, Future Business Leaders 12 (Secretary), Future Secretaries, Office Worker 12, **Hoofbeats** 12, Band 9, 10, 11, 12 (Drum Major), **Who's Who,** Governor's School, Regional Band 9, 10, Solo and Ensemble, Aiken Civic Ballet, S.E. Dance Festival Scholar, Miss Sophomore, Miss Junior, Homecoming Court, Teen Miss, Miss Aiken County

Melinda Barbara Snipes — Junior Achievement, Art 12, S.A.D.D. 11, Powder Puff 10, 11, 12, Concert Choir 10, 11, 12, School Play 10, NJROTC 11, 12

Tyrone F. Staley — Track 11



Dana Michele Steadman — Student Council 9, 10, 11, Library Assistant 11, D.E.C.A. 11, 12 (President)

Lindy Steadman — Art 12, **Winner's Circle** 12, National Society of Distinguished High School Students, French I, II, III, Student Council 12

Andrea Lisbeth Stein — Art 9, 11, 12, Creative Writing 11, S.A.D.D. 12, Pep Club 10, **Winner's Circle** Staff 12, **Lagoon** Magazine Staff — Young Life, Volleyball 9, Tennis 10, 12

Candace T. Stoudemeyer — Library Assistant 9, 10, 11

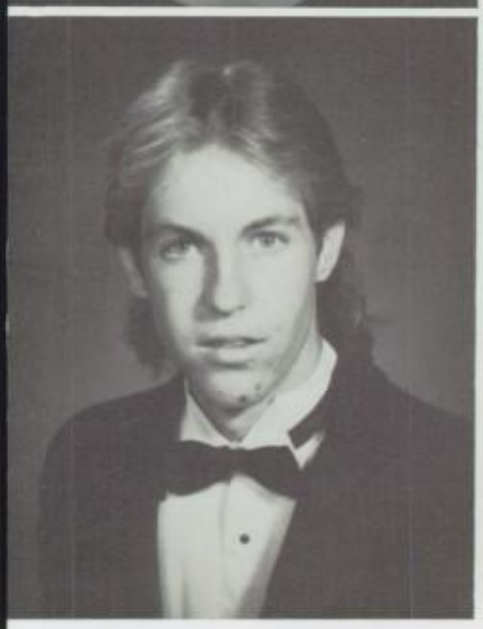
Douglas Baylor Strawhorn — Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12

Christopher P. Sullivan — Pre V. I, II, Carpentry I, II

Paula Marie Swygert

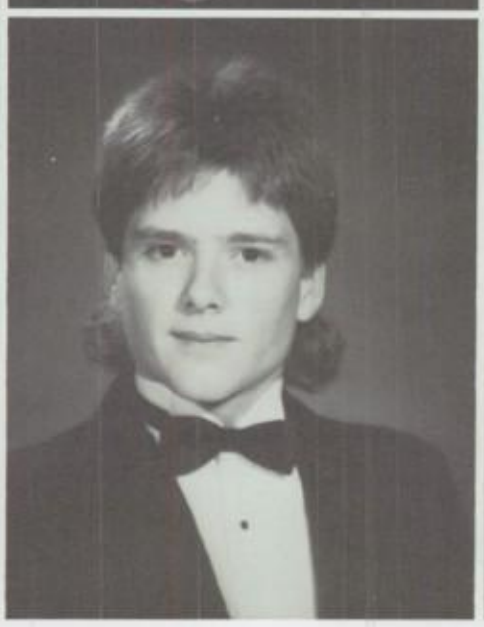
Tricia D. Tatman — Student Council 9, **Winner's Circle** 9, Cheerleader 11, French 9, 10, 11, **Who's Who**, Girls' State Nominee

Robert Taylor



Samuel Westley Taylor

Jeffrey Todd Thomas — Ski Club 11, D.E.C.A. 11, 12

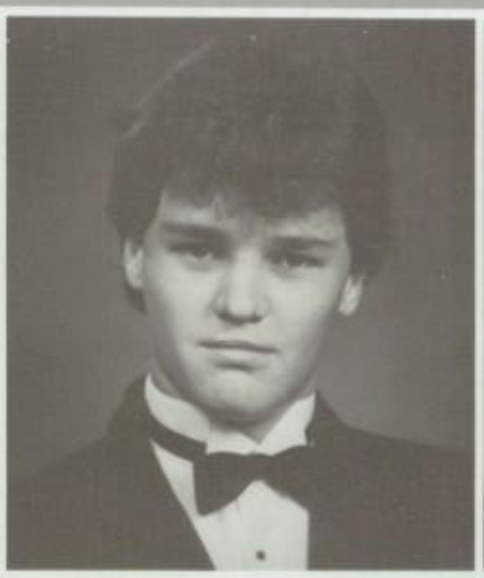


Jean Elizabeth Thomason — Key Club 10, 11, Ski Club 11, Future Business Leaders 12, **Who's Who**

Teddie Lynn Thompson — Creative Writing 9, Library Assistant 9, Drama 9

Michael D. Till — Hoofbeats Staff 11, Art 11, 12

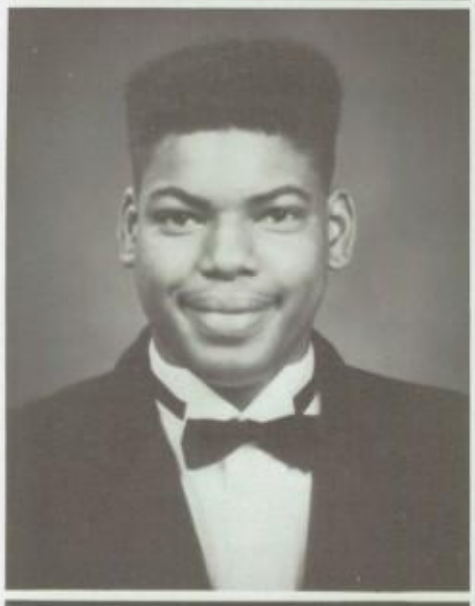
Christy Ann Tinnes — Calliope 10, Mu Alpha Theta 10, 11, 12 (Vice-President), National Honor Society 11, 12, Student Council, 10, 11, 12 (Secretary, V-P, President), Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Jazz Band 11, Executive Council, Advisory Council, U.S. Senate Page, **Who's Who**, Student Rotarian, District Exchange Student, All-State and All-Region Band, Woodmen of the World U.S. History Award, Small World Puppets, Principal's Leadership Award, University Scholar, Columbia College Scholar

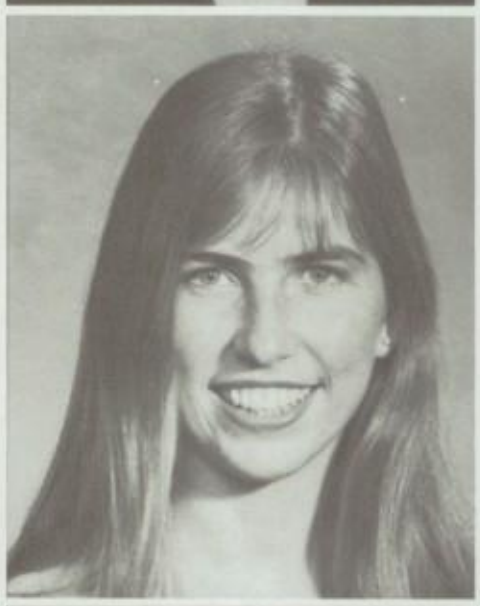


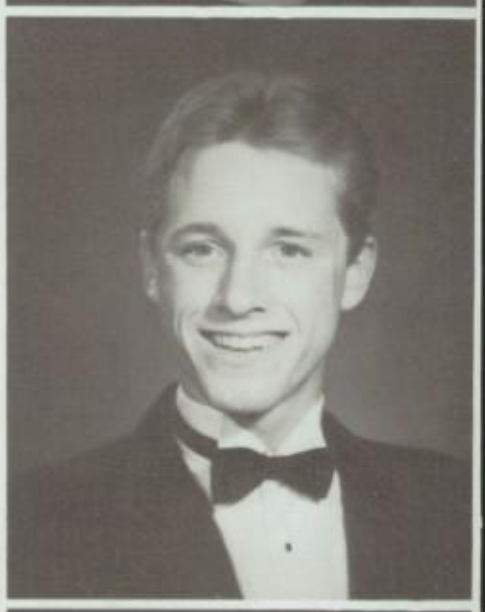
Rodney Toole — Future Homemakers 9, 10, Football 11, Student Council 12,, NJROTC Board of Governors 12

Selma Torres — Winner's Circle 12, Exchange Student From Brazil

Douglas Lanneau Townsend — Art 11, 12, Future Business Leaders 12, Soccer 9



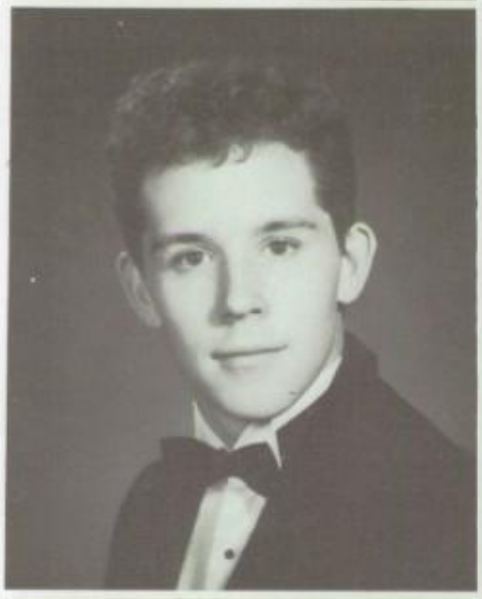




Dennis William True — Art 9, Office Worker 9, Science Club 9, NJROTC 11, 12, NJROTC Board of Governors, Academic Team 12, Creative Writing 9, 10, Library Assistant 9, 10, Beta 12, **Who's Who,** Track 9, Soccer 9, 10, Cross Country 9, 10, Swimming 9

Lisa Olivia Van Eck — Art 12, Future Homemakers 9, Science Club 9, Cheerleader, Student Council 9, **Who's Who**

Gresha Marie Wakefield — Art 11, 12, D.E.C.A. 11, 12, Office Worker 11, NJROTC Board of Governors 9, 10, Chorus 12



Jennifer Wakefield — D.E.C.A. 11, 12, Key Club 10, 11, 12, Office Worker 11, 12, S.A.D.D. 11, 12, Ski Club 11, Cheerleader 11, 12, **Who's Who**

June Lynette Walcott — J.V. Basketball

Kimberly Ann Walker — Mu Alpha Theta 11, 12, Society of Distinguished American High School Students, Office Worker 12

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Inquiring Minds Want to Know . . .

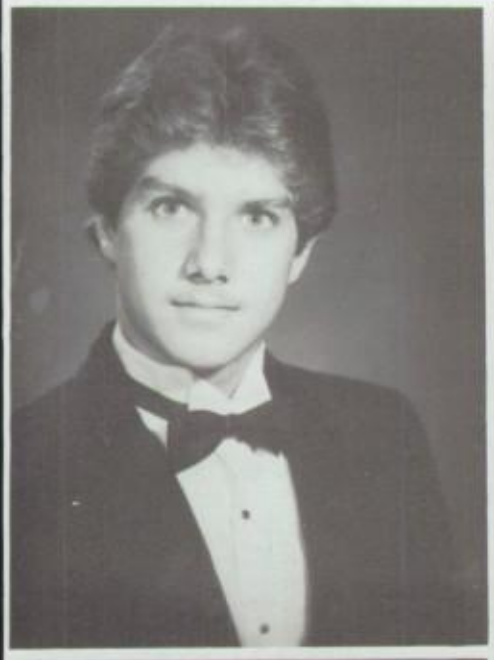
From Oliver North to Donna Rice to Jim and Tammy Faye, 1987 was a year that may be remembered for the number and magnitude of scandals which rocked the nation. However, there were some segments of the population who benefited immensely from the slip-ups of our nation's leaders and celebrities. The media had one of its most newsworthy periods in recent memory.

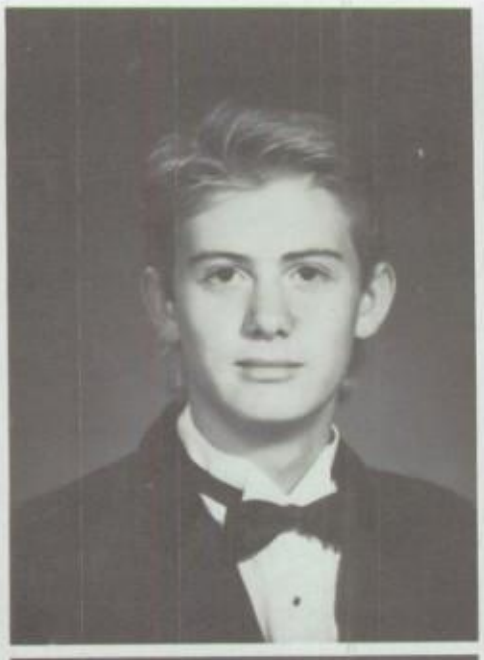
Our first inkling of trouble came in February with reports of a sex scandal involving PTL Club president Jim Bakker. This was the first incident in a year-long scandal which introduced America to the world most of us had only glimpsed while changing the TV channel. In the following months, Jessica Hahn, Oral Roberts, and Jerry Falwell joined the Bakkers in the news. Most of the nation's journalists and reporters had a field day with Robert's unique attempts to raise money, Hahn's appearance in certain male publications, and, above all, Tammy Faye's makeup dependency. Who could resist poking fun at those eyelashes?

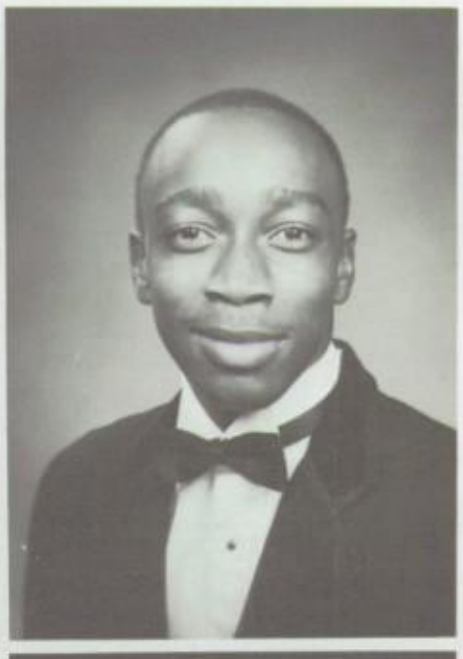
Not long after the Bakker scandal, the country found itself in the midst of a political scandal the likes of which we hadn't seen in years. The Iran-Contra Congressional hearings, featuring Ollie and Poindexter, exploded onto the scene in June. Daytime television was filled with tales of secret deals, double-crosses, and deception. And the soaps weren't even on! Ollie North, revered by some, despised by others, became perhaps the most controversial man in America.

Out on the campaign trail, the situation wasn't much better. Gary Hart, considered by many to be the front-runner for the 1988 Democratic Presidential Nomination, committed a bit of a faux pas in late spring. Several newspapers published reports of an extramarital affair with a young South Carolinian named Donna Rice. This report started a barrage of accusations and investigations that eventually led to Mr. Hart's resignation.

Why aren't our lives that exciting! Well, maybe it's better that we aren't always in the limelight; it just goes to show that the Thoroughbreds aren't the only ones in the world that are "Bred To Be Different!"







Clint Troy Wallick

Tommy E. Walton — Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Pep Band 9, 11, 12, Hoofbeats Staff 12

Maurice Washington — NJROTC 9, 10, 11, 12, Key Club 11, Future Homemakers of America 12, Athletic Team, Athletic Officer 12

Leslie Monique Wheeler — Art 9, 10, 11, 12, Calliope 12

Monica Denise Wheeler — Art 11, D.E.C.A. 11, Future Business Leaders 11, Future Homemakers 9, 10, Vice-President, 12 President, Office Workers, 10, 11, 12, Basketball 9, 10, Student Council 12

Britt W. Whitley — D.E.C.A. 11, 12, Football 9, Soccer 10, 11, 12

THE MACMURDO COMBINATION

All This and Brains, Too.

The closest public airport to South Aiken is in Augusta, and many college recruiters have worn a path up U.S. 1 hoping to entice Chris MacMurdo to join their collegiate ranks. Chris, a 6′0″ center, averaged 24 points, 14 rebounds, and 4 assists per game last year. She was named the Class AAA Player of the Year and is listed on *Street and Smith's* second team prep All-American squad. Aside from her athletic abilities, she insured her ticket to a Division I major college with a 1320 SAT score.

When it comes to the recruiting process, Chris feels that the decision to narrow her choices to five at the end of her junior year greatly reduced the pressure. Chris was looking at a school with a strong academic program as well as a good team. The five schools — North Carolina, Penn State, Stanford, Vanderbilt, and Virginia — all qualify.

Chris feels that Coach Karen Carter has helped her greatly through the rough sports in recruiting. According to Chris, "Coach Carter has taken a lot of pressure off by handling many of the calls at school. She has also helped because she played and coached college basketball herself."

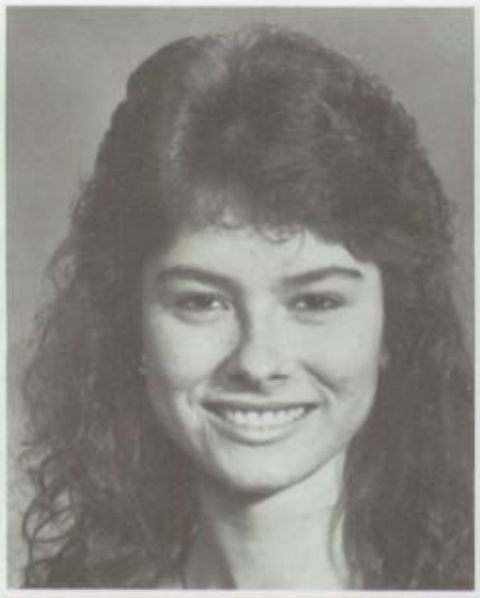
Chris' parents, Ken and Judy MacMurdo, have been her strongest allies. Chris said, "My folks know the final decision will be mine, but they have been good about supplying guidance and asking me questions that have helped in the final decision making process."

Chris is not sure about her major, but feels that it will probably be in science with applications in medicine, perhaps biomedical engineering. Laura Coakley sums up what many feel when she says, "When I came to South Aiken I realized there was more to Chris MacMurdo than just twenty-four points. She always strives to be the best, and I admire her for taking her talents so far."

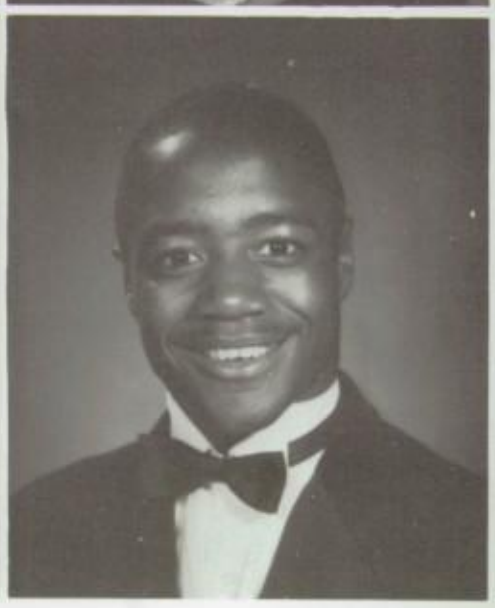
Katie Whyte — Art 9, 12, **Calliope** 12, Creative Writing 12, S.A.D.D. 10, 11, **Winner's Circle** 12, **Who's Who,** Junior Achievement

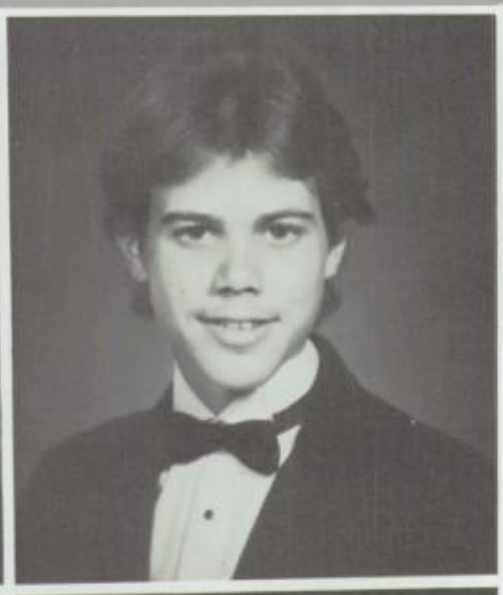
Melanie Widener — Art 9, 10, 11, 12, Key Club 11, **Hoofbeats** 12, Girls' State Nominee

Tara LaTrease Wildy — Beta 9, 10, 11, 12, D.E.C.A. 11, 12, Key Club 10, 11, 12



Dianne Williams
Jennifer Williams
John Williams

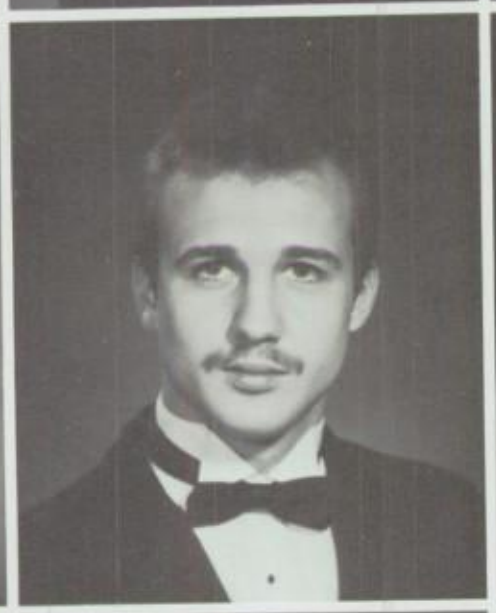




Sabrina Denise Williams — Bus Driver 10, 11, 12, Future Business Leaders 10, Future Homemakers 9, 10, Office Worker 9, 10, Student Council 12, Homecoming Queen 1st Runner-Up

Renee Williamson

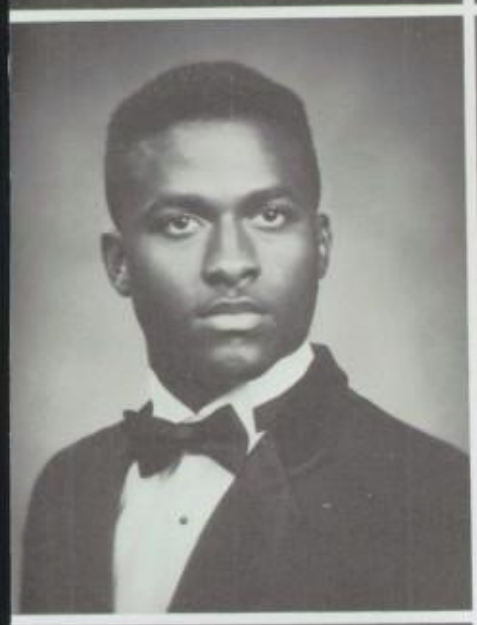
Sean A. Wills — Art 11, 12



Sarah Anne Winfield — Future Business Leaders 12, Future Homemakers 9, 10, 11

Eric Wingard

Cathy Ann Winn — Art 12, **Hoofbeats** Staff 11, 12, **Winner's Circle** Staff 11, 12 Editor, Concert Choir 11, 12, **Calliope** Photography Award, Carolina Journalism Institute Photography Award, Small World Puppets



Vernon L. Wright — J.V. Band 10, Key Club 12, F.B.L.A. 12, NJROTC 9, 10, 11, 12, Drill Team, Drill Team Commander, Color Guard, Athletic Team, Beta Club, Homecoming King

John Michael Yarbrough — Art, Football 9, 10, 11

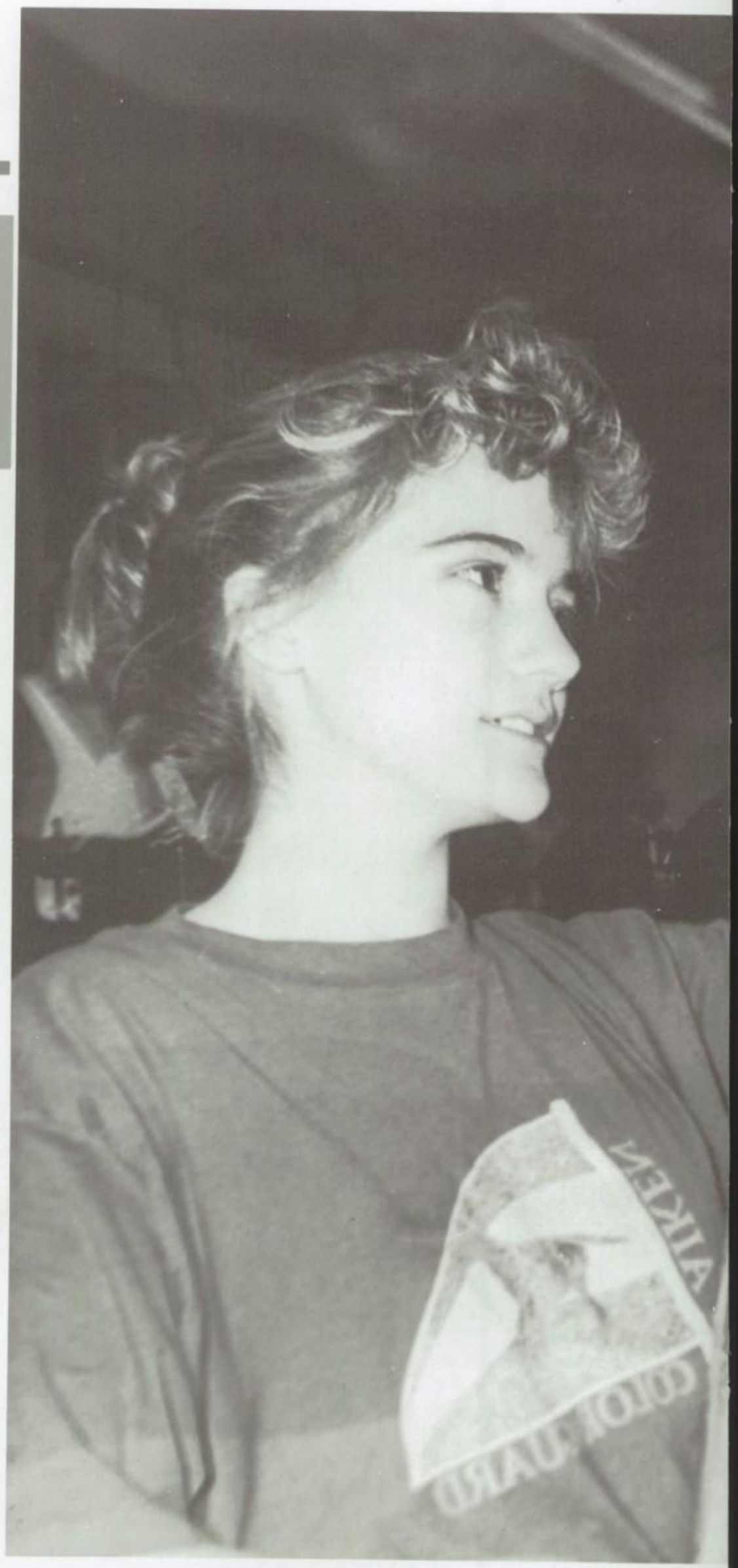
Steve Tracy Young — Art 12, Future Secretaries 9, NJROTC Rifle Team Captain

Donnie C. Zachry — Art 9, 10, 11, 12, Library Assistant 10, 11

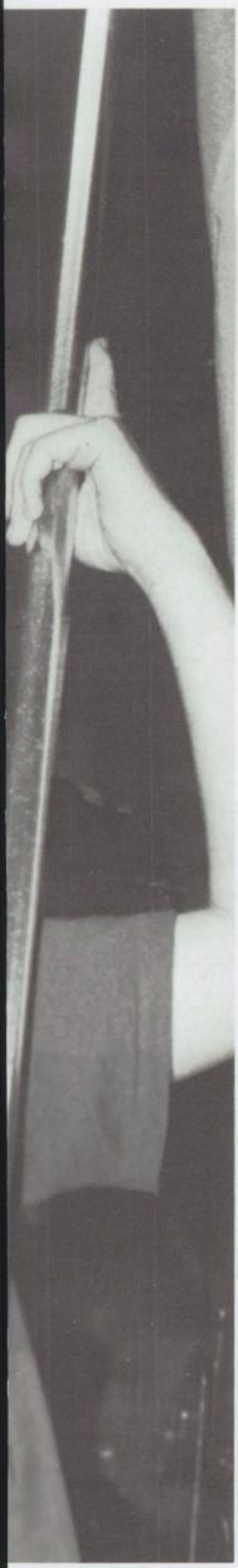
Gena Horsford — Student council 12, Future Secretaries 12

Keeping in time, Sophomore **Dawn Yonce** concentrates on her flag routine at the Aiken High vs. South Aiken Pep assembly.

Waiting for the next song band members **Erika Watson** and **Brian Fox** have mixed emotions about the Pep rally before the Aiken vs. South Aiken game.



"Me Cheetah!" "You Jane!" **Brian Daughtery** sweeps **Joy Godbee** off her feet.



Wide World of People

Together We're Unique

The majority of one's life is spent in school: pre-school, elementary school, middle school, and high school. However, the Thoroughbred way of life makes the teachers and homework a little easier to accept. With the numerous clubs and extra-curricular activities, students are encouraged to prepare for the future. With a diverse student body we all come together as a unit and prove that we are "Bred To Be Different!"

Term Papers Can Be Terminal

Juniors Find the Cure

The library added new magazines to its collection and **Chelsea Pope** takes the time to enjoy them during her study hall.

"Three! Three! I can't believe I've got three of them! This is my junior year. It's supposed to be fun! It's supposed to be easy! I've never even done *one*. Now I have three!"

"Three what?"

"Term papers!"

Early in the year one of the first questions asked in each class is "Do we have to do a term paper?" Many juniors hear, "Yes" two or three times. English is a definite affirmative and papers are usually required in history and chemistry as well.

What makes a term paper so dreaded and difficult? "It requires much time for research and study," said James Lee. Many hours are spent at the library gathering information. The subject must be covered completely. First note cards, then an outline, and finally several rough drafts. These all take time and must be done well in order to receive an "A" paper. "I didn't realize how much work had to be put into one until I had to do it myself," said Misty Gresham.

Term papers are not easy and they are definitely no fun, so why have them? Denise Bertrand said tha teachers assign term paper because, "They get a charg out of making us suffer."

But English teacher Erma Richter insists, "It's the bes way I know of teaching or ganizational skills, research and composition."

When you're assigned on of those dreaded term papers remember you aren't alone and it is one experience tha one will face in high schoo and will never forget.

Steve Abney
Beth Adams
Deonn Adams
Wayne Adams
Anita Alfrod
Bill Allen

Dustin Allen
Pamela Allen
— John Anderson
— Lori Apperson
Carrie Asbaugh
Scott Austin

Debbie Bagwell
— Beverly Bailey
— Elizabeth Bailey
Julie Baker
Hope Barnhill
Anna Beasley

Steven Bell
— Jeff Best
— Jessica Betts
Belinda Blackburn
Monte Blackwell
— Donnie Blair

John Blankenship
Rachael Blitch
Lisa Boatwright
Denise Bolin
Josh Boulware
Wanda Rouse

Dwayne Boyleston
Toriki Bradberry
Mark Bradford
Alice Branton
Stephen Bright
Brad Brodie

Jeremy Brooks
Kimberly Brooks
Janice Brown
Ryan Brown
Larry Bryant
Michael Bryant

Tiffany Byrant
Stan Buckalew
Dawn Burnham
Leroy Bush
Marshall Bush
Serafina Butler

Shun Butler
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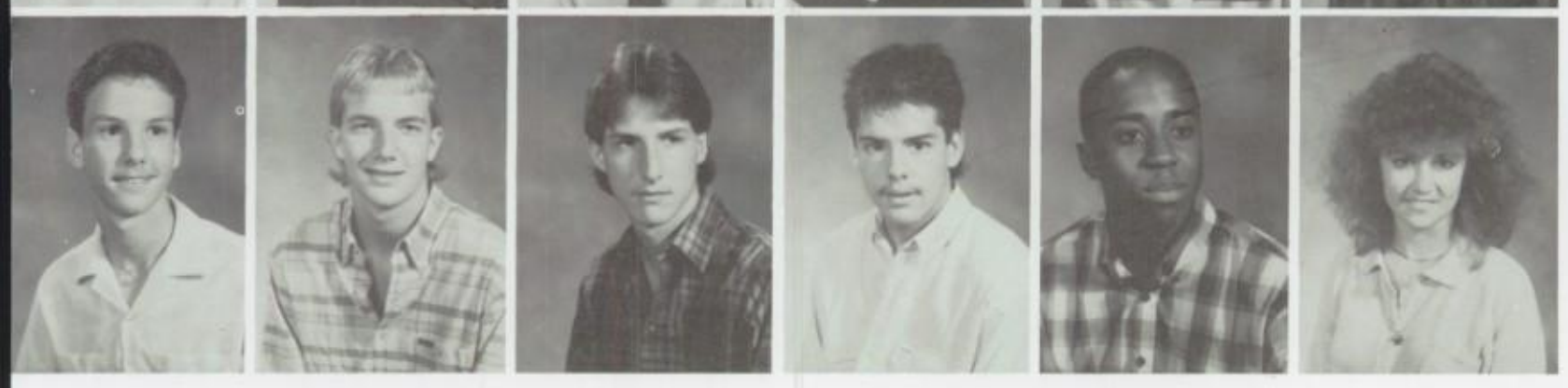

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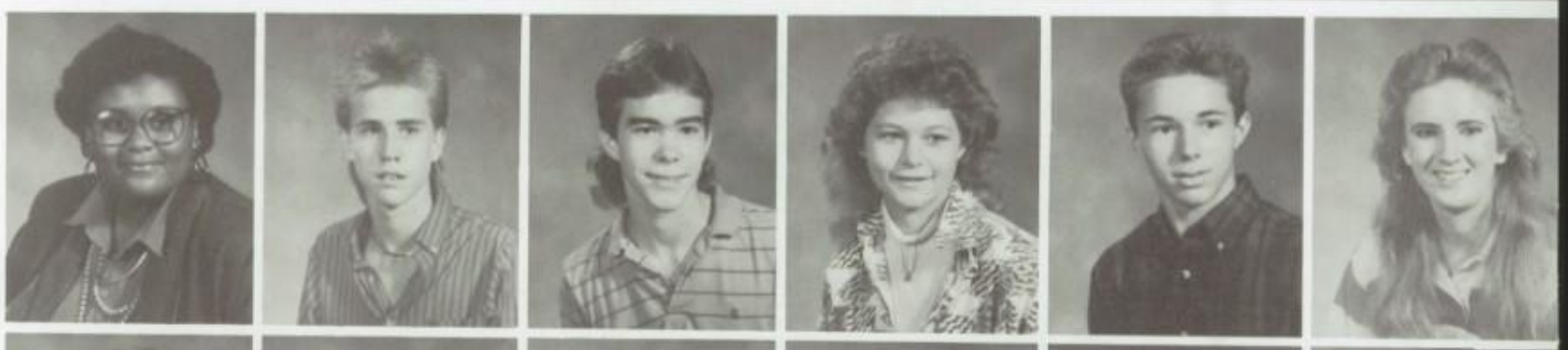
Kevin Connaughton
—Sandy Cook
— Andrew Couch
Terri Covar



— Ron Cox
—Joe Cramer
Regina Cross
— Greg Dabolt
— Brian Daugherty
Rosa Davis

Christopher DeHart
Amy Desmond
— Karen Desmond
—Marcus Dicks
David Dixon
Kevin Dixon

Heidi Dohm
Barry Dorch
Scott Dorn
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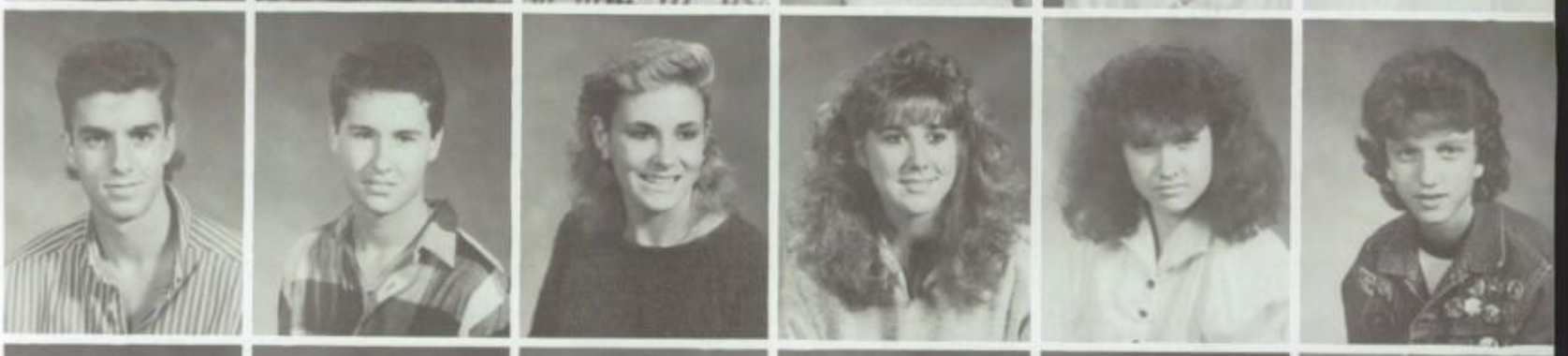
Linda Farmer
Shane Fields



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Robert Frazier
Jimmy Frederick
Chris Fulmer
Alan Fulop
Charles Funderburg

Wes Funderburg
Kim Funk
Rodney Gadsen
Kelvin Gary
Donna Geaton
— Lisa Gentry

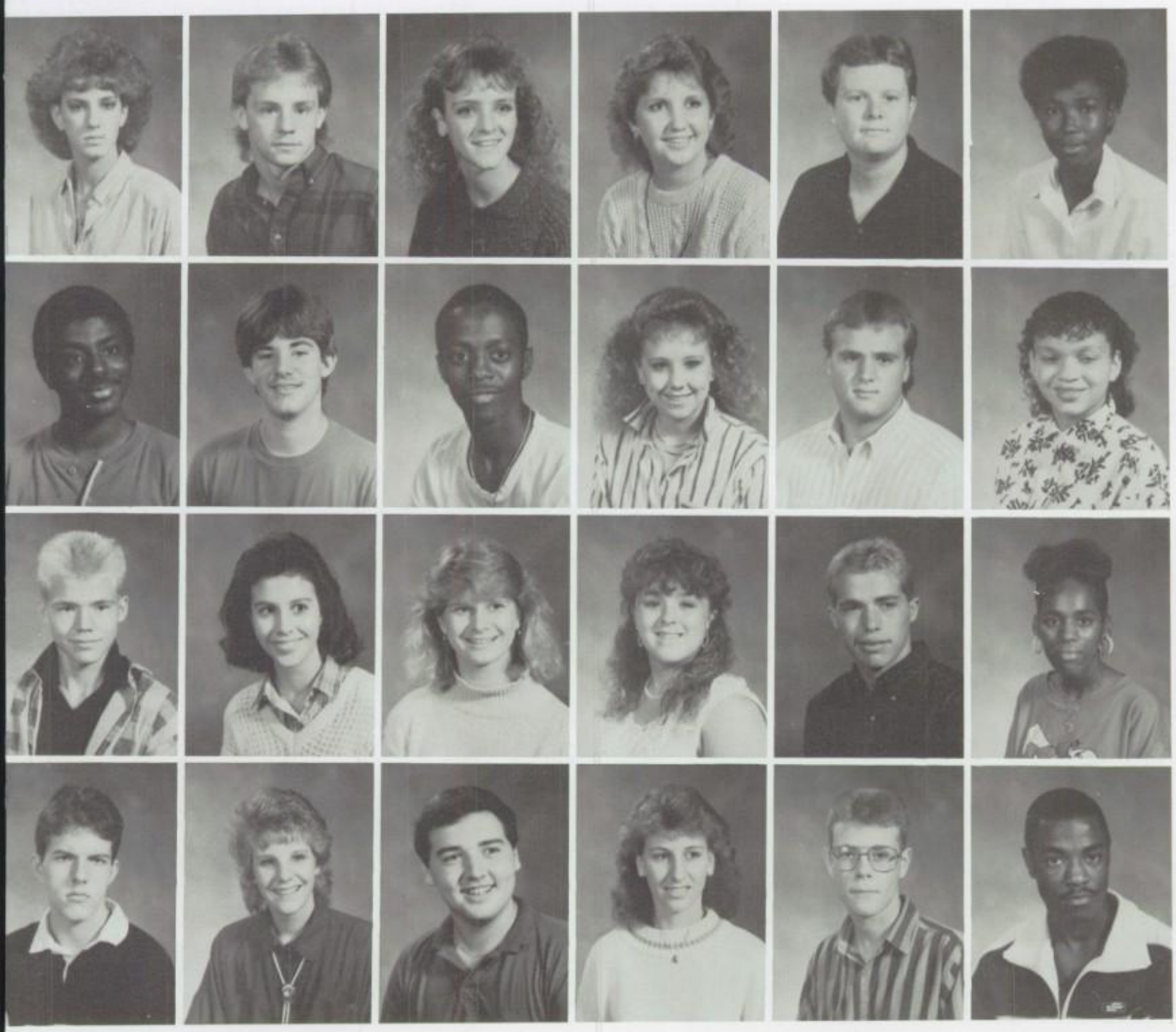
Up in the Air

Skate-Boarding Is More Than a Fad.

"Hey, that was a great Judo
ir you just pulled off."
"Yeah, I'm working on a
20, but you know how hard
ney can be."
"Right, listen why don't we
ıt this ramp and go down-
own to do some ho-ho's or
ggplants."
No, this is not some cult
lanning to massacre the
orld. Just ask Bill McKay,
lliot Strckland, Corey
piker, Shannon Simmons,
r John Blankenship about it.
hey will tell you, with slight
nnoyance at the ignorance of the question, that these are different types of skateboarding tricks. These skaters can be seen all around Aiken on their boards, dodging in and out of traffic or practicing behind someone's house on a launch ramp or a half-pipe.

Skateboarding has grown from what many people classified as a passing fad in 1979, to one of the most popular means of transportation in large cities and college campuses. In Aiken it has not yet reached such large proportions, but with these faithful skaters, it is sure to spread. Names like Guerrero, Lucero, Mountain, and Gonzales are rapidly becoming household words. Skateboarding competitions are held and broadcasted across the U.S. By watching the competitions, these skateboarders learn new moves to try out. Skateboarding has been around for a while and it does not appear to be fading out any time soon. In the future days it is possible that Caballero will be at the top of every wish list instead of the ever-faithful Schwinn.

Hey, I'm flying! **Bill McKay,** shows exactly what all those hours of practice will do for you.



Dawn Giles
Walter Glanton
Joy Godbee
Loira Goforth
Jim Golding
Angela Gordon

Jonathan Gordon
Johnny Graham
Shon Grant
Candy Green
Ross Green
Jamie Greene

Michael Gregory
Tabatha Gregory
Tania Gregory
Misty Gresham
Glenn Griffin
Stephanie Griffin

Jamie Gunter
Heidi Gunther
Chris Hagan
Cathy Hagelston
Robert Hale
Bobby Hall

The Dating Game

Playing It One on One

As we begin our lives it is common fate that we will be entangled in some of the most confusing but beautiful relationships of our times. This seems to be a cycle that no one has been able to break. Although relationships may be characterized many different ways they all share feelings of love, trust, warmth and sometimes bitterness of one toward another.

Young romances are thought by some to be passive, as one parent stated, "You're too young to know what love is." Different opinions throughout the student body can be heard when asked about this. Amanda McGee made her opinion blatantly clear when she said, "I know what I feel, and it is love." Others have said they personally have never felt like they've been in love, but will know it when they are. Some simply think that this is reserved for adults. However, every one seems to have that someone on their mind.

Dating is a popular pastime within our student body. This is something that we all like to do. As Stephanie Holloman reinforced, "It gives you something to do. I'd rather be dating than staying at home."

Sad times are bound to come too. "Do you know what you and the War of 1812 have in common? You're both history!" These and other kinds of remarks can be heard ringing through the halls. Kim Hortman said, "You be come the major stock holder in the Kleene Company." As Ben Ebe said, "We need to talk. This is a fashionabl statement that mean "We should separate fo a while to test th strength of our relation ship," which eventuall leads to "Get lost!"

Maybe our commo fate isn't that bad, may be it is. All in all, th romance may fade, bu the memories will liv on for a very long time.

— Graham Hamilton
Sharon Hammonds
Tracy Hart
— Kim Hay
Wendy Haynes
Cathy Herron

Steven Highberger
Sherrisa Hill
Greg Hinson
— Stephanie Holloman
— Kim Hortman
Adam Howell

— Amy Hunter
Debra Jackson
Sheila Jenkins
Bill Jennings
Eric Jimerson
Carl Johnson

— Cindy Johnson
Darrell Johnson
Georgia Johnson
Marcus Johnson
Robbie Johnson
Callie Jones

Kyvetrize Jones
Tanya Jones
Anthony Jordan
Brenda Kincaid
Michael Kinney
Kippy Kitchings

Gene Kneece
Alayne Koester
Gregory Krueger
Kuan Shiu Kuo
Mike Lain
Shannon LaLonde

Bradley Lambert
Marcie Lambert
Donna Landreth
Jennifer Lanham
Kim Lawless
Keith Leaphart

James Lee
Lisa Legate
Michael Lewis
Sheila Lewis
Kirk Losier
Shannon Lott

Brent Lundy
Troy Mackie
Cherie Manke
Doug Marcy
Amanda Massingill
Chris McCluskey

Connie McCreary
Drew McCrosson
Jason McDowell
Amanda McGee
Chris McGee
Soren McMillan

Shawki McNeil
Ash Miller
Jamie Mills
Renee Milton
Laura Mizell
Latricia Moment

Cathy Moody
James Moore
—Kati Murphy
Tina Myers
Lisa Newsome
— Michael Nichols

Tony Norris
David O'Conner
— Joshua O'Leary
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Patrice Oakman
Christine Oesterhelt

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— Paula Padgett
— Richie Parker
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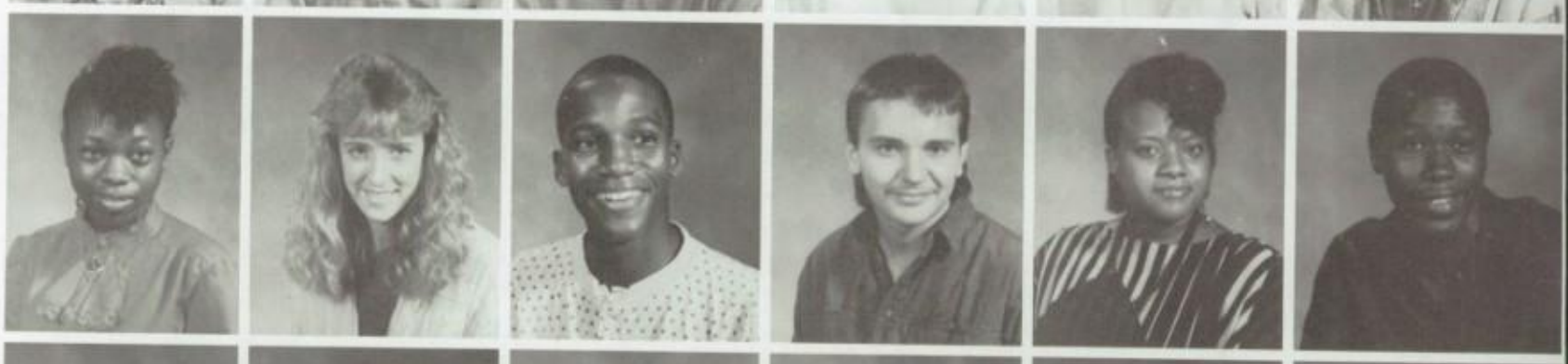
Ronald Patterson



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— Stephen Phillips
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Ken Portterseir
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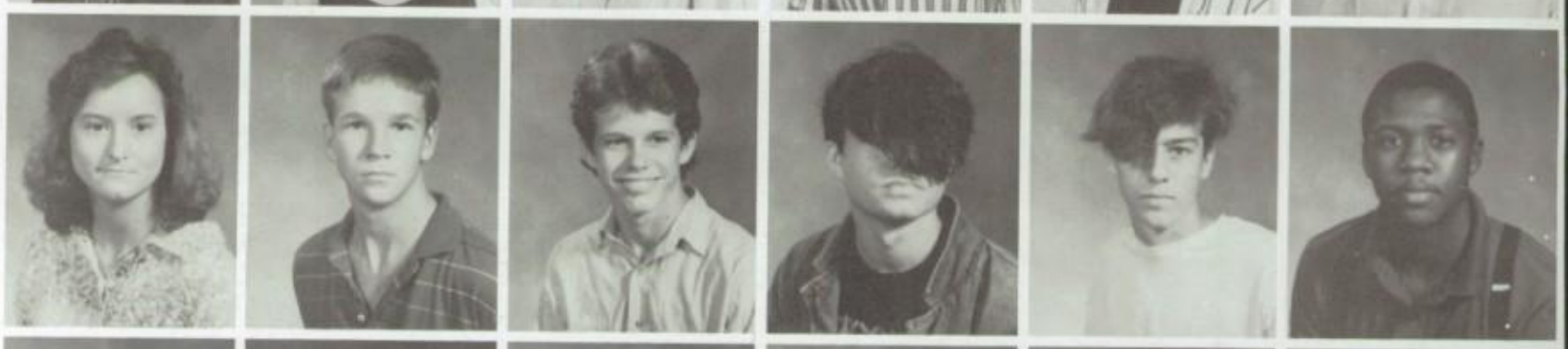

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Jessica Priester
Michael Priester
Marc Ramdeen
— Angela Ramey
Joyce Ramey

— Jennifer Ramsey
— Dan Randall
— Lisa Rebelo
Janet Redd
Melodee Reed
Michelle Reed

Enjoying the beach at Garden City. **Chris Whitlaw** and friend **Chad Lambert** from Irmo get ready to try their "boogie board".

Witty, involved, energetic — these are the qualities that come to mind when thinking about Chris Whitlaw. Chris turned making friends into an art.

Chris was a normal teenager with the usual favorites. He, as most teenage boys, really liked girls! David Dixon said, "He loved to wear sun glasses and keep his hair combed. Chris also liked music. His favorite groups were U-2 and Bon Jovi. "His favorite song by Stacy Q, was "Two of Hearts," " said Jennifer Beasley. Chris participated in many activities. He had been an active member of South Aiken's Ski Club in 1986. David Dixon explained, "Chris also liked to go four-wheeling in a jeep in the mud. He and I lifted weights in my back shed. We also washed and waxed cars, as well as mowed the grass together."

Chris died November 25,1987 as the result of an automobile accident. His energetic presence will be missed by everyone.

Rheumel Reed
Greg Reid
Carrie Richardson
Caroline Riley
Benard Roberson
Dana Robinson

Kim Ridenour
Kimberly Rogers
Lisa Rogers
Tracey Ross
Kim Samuels
Stephanie Sanders

Jennifer Sauls
Melissa Savage
Julie Saylor
Keri Scott
Chris Seigler
David Seigler

Harry Settles
David Sides
Annett Simmons
Elisha Simmons
Shannon Simmons
Angela Skipper

Hope Spruell
Michael Storey
Elliott Strickland
Patricia Summer
Stephanie Tabor
Andrea Thomas

Eric Thompson
Gina Thompson
Melissa Thorne
Denise Thurmond
Lynnette Tolliver
Donna Trowell

Kim Trowell
Carla Turner
Dallas Turner
Bobby Tyler
Gene VanEck
Chris Vanriper

Tommy Walker
Frank Walton
Mike Waltz
Kelley Ward
Carlos Washington
Joyce Watson

Sam Watson
Metra Way
Megan Waybright
Martina Weaver
Kim Whipple
Chris Whitlaw

Kelly Whitson
Beth Whittle
Paula Wicker
Robin Wilkins
Karen Williams
Kendric Williams

Melanie Williams
Terrie Williams
David Wilson
Frank Wilson
Wanda Wilson
Willie Winfield

Heidi Wood
Ben Wren
Jimmy Wyszynski
Connie Yarbrough
Robbie Yarborough
Kevin Young

Anxious Times

High School Battles the Nerves

"I know this material. I know I can pass this government test. Now, the Secretary of Health and Human Services is Hester Prynne and the Secretary of Defense is Arthur Dimmesdale. No, no, no, that's not right! I'm starting to think about the *Scarlet Letter* test I have next period. I'm so confused! How am I going to pass this government test now . . ."

Nervousness, what exactly is it? Everyone experiences it, but sophomores seem to be bombarded by it. Sophomores go from having an occasional term paper or difficult test during their freshman year to being swamped by oral reports, debates, and Ms. Player's government class their sophomore year. It's amazing how much more pressure accumulates in one year and how much more is yet to be discovered!

One of the most nerve-racking times is the week of exams. David Miller commented, "Nervous? . . . Who's nervous?" During this hectic week, everyone feels a few spaceships exploring new frontiers deep within their stomachs.

Oral reports and debates give a lot of anxiety to many students. "I was so nervous. People could literally see me shaking. My note cards must have dropped 10,000 times before it was finally over," said Holli Oeffner. Many people are flustered and think they are giving their own eulogy as they are delivering an oral report.

The subject which came to mind to most sophomores when asked about nervousness was government. It's not that government is extremely difficult, it's just that there is so much information. "Nervousness is when you only have five minutes left in Ms. Player's class and you haven't started your discussion question yet," commented Jenny Ingle. Kevin Eubanks said about Ms. Player's class, "I don't get nervous. I know I'm going to fail anyway." Whether failing or squeaking by with a B, most sophomores agree that this class is the cause of many a nervous breakdown.

Nervousness has become a way of life for many at our school. No one appreciates its company; however, it seems to show up quite often. Jon Jackson sums up this anxiety best when he says, "Nervousness makes the sweat run faster."

Ricky Abee
Kim Adams
Troy Adams
Tracy Alkema
Chad Allen
Patrick Allen

Scott Anthony
Todd Arbaugh
Tantalea Bartley
Tommy Barton
Jacquline Baxley
Dina Bayne

Jennifer Beasley
Todd Beiers
Barbara Bellido
Danielle Bertrand
Margaret Bessix
Scott Best

Daisy Bing
David Black
Mistie Black
John Blankenship
Tyler Bledsoe
Preston Blitch

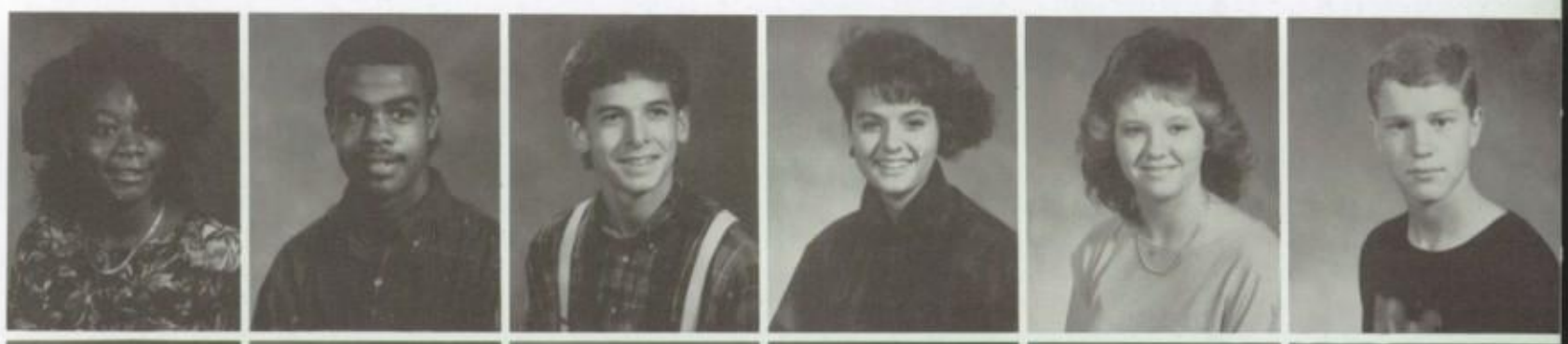
Driver Ed. Films

Comic Relief Misses Mark

Some students enrolled in Driver Education may be in for a surprise. The course is not all driving, riding around and going to Burger King. The first six weeks consist of written work, classroom discussion, and the dreaded *DRIVER ED INSTRUCTIONAL FILMS.*

The mere mention of these words conjures a sense of fear and often boredom that few students can resist. Now, you say, what could be so bad about them? Well, the movies wouldn't be so terrible if they presented the material directly, with no distractions. However, the producers of the film series have chosen to enhance the learning experience by inserting several comedy sketches into each instructional segment. These sketches, designed to be uproariously funny and informative at the same time, fail miserably in both areas. Instead of relating to the student, the films manage only to alienate them from the subject matter. The "host" of the programs, a scrawny, nerdy sort of guy, also acts in the comedy segments. Whether or not he is an employee of the state Transportation Department or just some guy working his way through Auto Mechanics School is unclear. What is clear is that this man is definitely not an accomplished educational films host and never will be.

It would be unfair to say that no one learns anything from the Driver Education Instructional Films. One can actually glean a few bits of useful information between the comedy pieces and the host's monologues. But it would be nice, just once, to watch a Driver's Ed film, a program that could one day save your life, without interruption.



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James Blocker
Russ Bodie
—Jessica Borden
Teresa Boyd
Robbie Bradford

Heather Braun
Ray Brock
Tina Brogdon
Curtis Brown
Melanie Brown
Shirley Brown

—Allison Burch
—Lisa Burke
David Burns
Shelia Burris
Avice Bush
Sherry Bush

Tabitha Butler
Janet Bryant
Jennifer Bryant
Willie Bryant
Dave Byars
Brian Campbell

Stephanie Cannon
Terry Carpenter
Diane Carson
Bobby Cathcart
Jennie Cato
Lorrie Chavous

Typhany Clark
Jamal Cloud
Laura Coakley
Cortney Coleman
Wade Collins
Shannon Comar

Michael Cook
Beth Cooley
Christin Costello
Sharon Cribbs
Robbie Crisp
Jonathan Daniel

Tammy Daniel
Donna Darr
David Davis
Jamie Davis
Mike Davis
Ashley Dawsey

Tara DeVaul
Jeff Dick
Lisa Dickey
Caroline Dicks
Cornelia Dicks
David Dixon

Brian Dodson
Mike Dunbar
Tammy Dyson
Jennifer Edenfield
Kevin Eubanks
Tommy Eubanks

Rob Evans
Cynthia Falkenburg
Christy Faustmann
Kenneth Finley
Wes Fountain
Sodeya Frazer

Stephan Fulop
Brenda Gaffney
Jameil Galacatcher
Martha Gantt
Melissa Gardner
Kim Garrett

Eric Gearman
Mike Gearman
Patrick Gearman
Jimmy Gibson
Kimberlee Gibson
Tammy Glanton

Jennifer Glover
Norris Glover
Robert Gordon
Rodney Grantham
Carlo Grantt
Steven Green

Shawn Griffin
Marc Hagelston
Patti Hall
David Haltiwanger
—Jenny Hamilton
— Jim Hammett

Lisa Hammond
Sonya Hammonds
Kim Hamrick
—Amy Hargett
Lisa Harris
Penny Harris

Shawn Harris
Cassandra Hart
—Brad Hawkins
Craig Heath
Heike Heath
Jennifer Hembree

Jackalyn Heron
Scott Herring
— Lisa Hickey
Eugene Hicks
Laverne Hightower
Stephanie Hightower

David Haltiwanger

A Difference That Will Be Missed

Music and models — no matter what his leisure activity, David Haltiwanger always worked to produce a finished product. According to his best friend, Shane Fields, David could build a replica of just about anything. Last summer he made drums out of cardboard and a guitar out of plywood. After they were painted, they looked real.

David spent a lot of time practicing his guitar and also writing his own lyrics. Later he would try to get the music. This fall, David and his friends Shane Fields, Michael Bryant, and Blake Peace were trying to get a band together. According to Shane, "If David had kept on going, he may have been as good as Randy Rhoads, David's favorite guitarist."

Shane told about his friendship with David. He said, "We had been best friends since fourth grade and at first we had entirely different interests. Later we began to be interested in the same things and in the end we shared practically all the same interests."

All of David's friends felt that he worked hard to be a good friend. Blake Peace said, "He always tried hard to put his friends before himself. If he disagreed with a friend, he would always be quiet and would never make a fuss."

David's untimely death occurred on September 18, 1987. He will be greatly missed by faculty and friends.

Waiting for a special family occasion, **David** and his sixth grade brother **Chris** dress in matching shirts in the spring of 1987.

Billy Hines
Kim Holley —
Donald Holmes
James Holston
Eric Hoofman
Paula Horne

Sandy Hughes —
Bruce Hughey
Misty Hunt
Tony Hunt
Corey Hyman
Alice Inabinet

Anthony Inabinet
Jenny Ingle
Jonathan Jackson
Shawn Jackson
Paxson Jeancake —
Robbie Jeffords

Stephanie Jernigan —
Jenika Jewell —
Karlos Jimerson
Christopher Johnson —
David Johnson
Mary Johnson —

On Being Suave and Debonair

Things to Avoid on a Date

Some of the most anxious and potentially embarrassing times of your life in high school can arise when you are on your first date with someone you don't know very well. You want everything to run smoothly so that the date won't be a disaster. Here are seven things that you should try to avoid on a date.

1) Guys — try to find out where the girl lives ahead of time. Driving by her house eight or nine times can make a lasting impression before you even reach the front door.

2) Once you make it to her house, do not go overboard with the flattering conversation with her parents. Two things could happen — they could like you too much and you could spend the entire evening talking to her parents; or, they could find out some of your worst qualities and change their mind about letting their daughter leave with you.

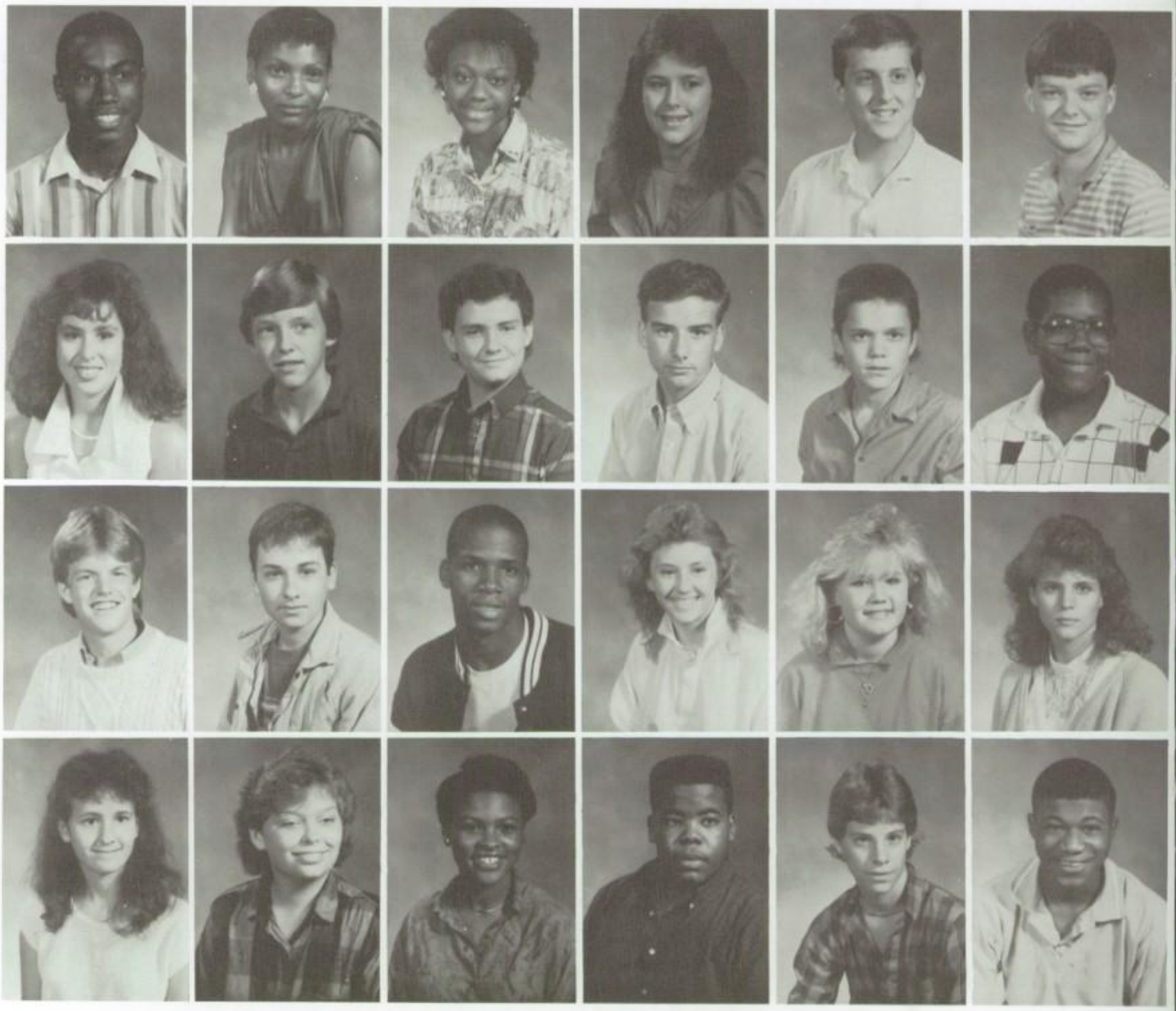
3) Don't go crazy with your cologne or perfume. If you do, don't be surprised if your date rolls his window down in the car, and refuses to sit near you.

4) If you go to a restaurant, please refrain from picking your teeth or combing your hair at the table.

5) Try to avoid spicy foods or something with onions and garlic. These foods tend to stick with you and can hinder even the most romantic of situations.

6) Girls don't excuse yourselves every fifteen minutes to go to the powder room and apply a fresh layer of makeup.

7) When the date finally comes to an end, don't pop out a breath mint or pull out your can of breath spray. This is one of the most tasteless hints in the world for a "good night" kiss.



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Towanda Johnson
Lisa Johnston
Scott Jones
Dion Jordon

Rebecca Joslin
—John Kelley
— Lewis Kennerly
Brian Key
—Brian Key
Randolph Key

Tommy Kidd
Patrick King
Brad Kingsberry
Andrea Klimek
Darlynn Laird
Oma Lane

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Kelly Leonard
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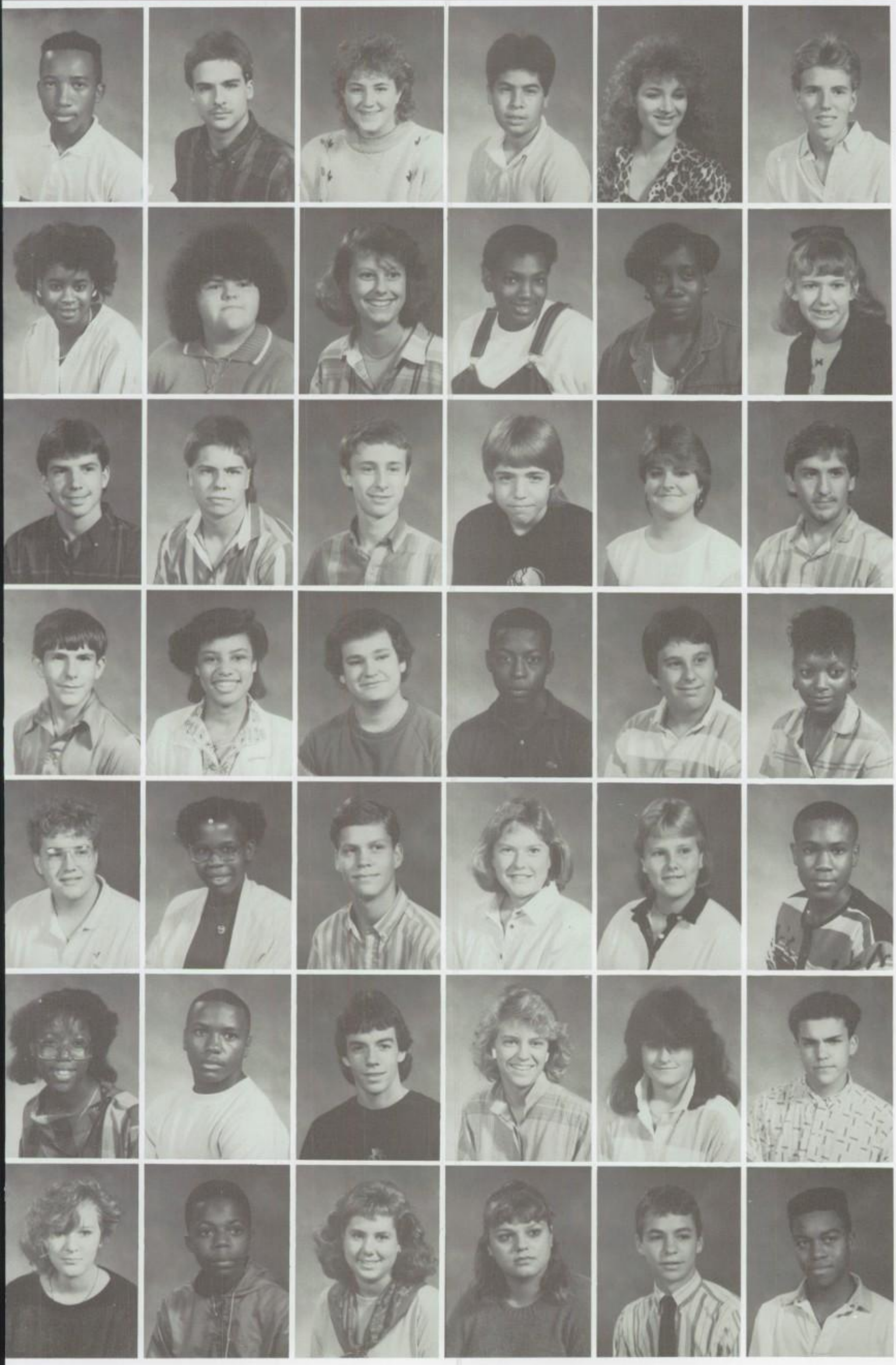
John Lipson
Travis Mace
Allen Mack



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Mike Mandel
Kristine Markman
Luis Martinez
Natalie Mathewson
Travis McCormack

Sharri McDowell
Donna McFee
Elizabeth McKay
Kathy McKinney
Lashaun McMillan
Erinne McVicker

Ken Middlebrooks
David Miller
Greg Miller
Chris Mills
Donna Mizell
David Mode

Tim Morgan
Anisha Mosely
Keith Mundy
August Murray
Neil Mutschler
Camellia Newman

Patt Nuessle
Pamela O'Connor
Bill O'Rear
Holli Oeffner
Christy Osbon
Derrick Paige

Katina Patterson
Shawn Patterson
Blake Peace
Stacey Pierce
Charlene Plumley
Steven Poppy

Tanya Porter
Frank Prysock
Alison Rankin
Arrianna Ray
John Rearden
Tabore Rector

Jennifer Redd
Madea Reese
Tony Rhinehart
Brenda Riley
Charlie Rinn
Tabatha Robinson

Beth Rogers
— Keri Rollins
Jennifer Rosin
Jennifer Ross
Jim Sallee
Dennis Sanders

Melicia Savage
Lance Sawyer
Michael Scarboro
Jason Schibik
— Peter Schmid
Tamara Schofield

Georgie Schultz
— Emily Schumacher
Linda Scott
Jason Seigler
Richard Seigler
— Donna Shelegel

— Jayme Short
Lorinda Simmons
Tonya Simmons
Derrick Sims
Kristi Skidmore
Stephen Skidmore

LaTonia Smith
Taffey Snader
Greg Sparks
Corey Spiker
Stan Staley
Jay Stallings

Jeff Stone
Melisa Stone
Donnie Swortz
Jenny Taylor
Mary Taylor
Michelle Taylor

To Read or Not to Read

Cliffs Notes Evoke Mixed Feelings

Everyone is familiar with the thin yellow books with black stripes. They are the ever famous Cliffs Notes. Cliffs Notes are clear master plots to books that offer students a clearer understanding to their symbolism and meaning. Some students substitute Cliffs Notes for the entire book, some use them simply to review, and others think they are totally useless. Stephanie Jernigan believes they are an "absolute necessity" while Neil Mutschler remarked, "they're just a waste of time."

There are many different reasons that people use Cliffs Notes. "After I read the book, Cliffs Notes give me a clearer understanding of the story," stated Christy Faustmann. Ashley Dawsey said, "When you participate in extracurricular activities like I do, you have a choice of reading the Cliffs Notes or nothing at all." "They also point out ideas I overlook while reading the book," added Courtney Coleman.

On the other hand, Cliffs Notes may cause problems. Paxson Jeancake thinks "they don't contain enough information." Rob Evans said, "The problem with Cliffs Notes is that if the book is boring, the Cliffs Notes are boring, so what can you do?" Lisa Hickey reminds us, "they cost money that some of us don't have." "The Cliffs Notes always seem to appear in my hands when the teacher who forbids them is standing behind me," remarked Holli Oeffner.

Cliffs Notes may be a help or hindrance depending upon how and when one uses them. Some teachers recommend Cliffs Notes for reviewing while others disagree. As long as you have a successful system of completing books, good luck!

Nikki Taylor
Ombra Taylor
Tara Taylor
Amber Thomas
April Thomas
John Thomas

Mark Thompson
Regina Thomas
Pete Tiffany
Dennis Trotter
Jewel Trowell
Ora Trowell

Scott Turner
Michelle Tussey
Tamie Tutt
Tracy Tyler
Allan VanEck
Clay Vause

Michelle Vernon
Chad Vickers
Shere Vickery
Cassandra Vinson
James Vinson
Nick Walker

Boogying to the beat of the band, Sophomore **Nikki Taylor** dances with her friends before the South Aiken vs. Aiken game.

Tooting his horn, **John Kelley** concentrates on the notes.

Chris Wall
—Chris Warner
Derrick Waters
Thatus Weaver
Loretta Wells
Jamie Whaley

Shawn Wheeler
Eugene White
Shan White
Russ Whitt
Anita Williams
Denise Williams

Eldon Williams
Lisa Williams
Robert Williams
Sharon Williams
Gerard Wimberly
Anthony Winfield

Raquel Woodward
Todd Woodward
Kurt Yarborough
Sabrina Yarborough
—Dawn Yonce
Lee Young

Melissa Young
—Christi Zentgraf

Showing affection for his pet Thoroughsauras, **Rob Evans** hugs the animal at the car decorating contest before the Homecoming game. Sophomores **Paxson Jeancake** and **Mike Mandel** smile at their companions.

Alton Aaron
Will Aiken
Nathan Allen
Bobbie Anderson
Hilary Anderson
Cara Apperson

Becky Arthur
Ruth Asbaugh
Jeremy Austin
Susan Averitte
Stephen Bagwell
Stephanie Bailey

Gernell Barton
Teresa Barton
Tracey Barton
Terry Baugh
Ashley Beaumont
Kinya Bector

Willis Bell
Jennifer Bennett
Michael Benson
Bobbie Bibens
Heath Bickford
Shannon Blair

Laura Blessing
Steve Boatwright
John Bolin
Brad Born
Mike Boyd
Angela Boyette

Carol Bradberry
Nicoli Bright
Gina Britt
Donald Britton
Ronald Britton
-- Ryan Brodie

Angela Brown
Maggie Brown
Sim Brown
Alan Brumley
Connie Bryant
Michael Bryant

Steve Bryant
-- Corey Burns
Sean Burrell
Danielle Busch
Lamont Busch
Deiedra Butler

-- Stephanie Callas
Dana Campbell
Stephanie Cardosi
David Carpenter
Leon Carry
Tracy Carter

Jared Cato
Yolanda Cave
Christy Chauncey
Ann Chapman
Tony Chapman
Al Chavous

Zakia Cobbs
Johanna Conner
Tanya Corbett
Tasha Corley
Thomas Corey
Paula Covar

The African WHAT?

Biology Students Faced With Attenborough's Revenge

Students taking Biology do many interesting things. They learn about mitosis, dissecting frogs, and watch "Life on Earth" films. Unimpressed? The host of these films is David Attenborough, also known as: "That weird English guy!" The Life on Earth series covers everything under the sun, and "Big Dave" provides excellent insight on everything from dolphins to dinosaurs. However, Mr. Attenborough's thick Elizabethan accent sometimes makes him speak unintelligibly. Mysteriously, Attenborough's mumbling peaks when he utters the name of an important organism. "This extRAWdinarily hardy animal, which frequents the grasslands of Kenya, is called the Africa Brlgbuggy."

Shouts of "What did he say?" and "The African WHAT?" ricochet about the room. Of course, the next day's quiz always contains a question involving the aforementioned animal.

Despite his failings, Mr. Attenborough is quite an intelligent man, and seems to know about more animals than one cares to mention. It is truly a privilege to be able to see him at his best; a lone figure in khaki, stalking the savannahs of Africa and the rain forests of the Amazon, mumbling contentedly about the social habits of the African Brlgbuggy.

— Rob Evans

Allison Cubbage
Willie Cullum
Vicki Custodi
Robin Davis
Tracy Day —
Todd DeFillips —

Andrea Dodson
Holly Dohm
Cathy Durmmings
Cliff Dyches —
James Elliott
Monica Fabrick

Julie Farrow
Daniel Ferland
Karen Flanders
Shawna Fountain
Joseph Francis
Regina Franklin

David Funderburk
Jamie Gaffney
Shawrell Gantt
Danny Gaskins
Chris Goergen
Antonio Gary

Hoping to bring spirit to the Homecoming festivities, **Dana Schwalbert** and **Ziggy Poplin** prepare to cheer at the pep rally against Keenan on October 23.

Malinda Glover
Billy Goldine
Tim Goodwin
David Graham
Kristie Grant
O'Brien Grant

Rickey Grant
Dina Green
Doug Gregory
Duane Grice
Denise Griffin
LaShawnda Griffin

Melissa Griffin
Todd Griffin
Lisa Griswould
Earl Hall
Lawrence Hall
Nikki Hall

Kevin Hammonds
Alan Harmon
Michael Hard
Anthony Harris
Kim Hartford
Nikki Haynes

Ivan Hazuda
Carolyn Heath
Misty Heath
Kim Henderson
Jill Henderson
Tammy Herron

Shawn Hevel
Gordon Hickey
David Hickman
Brenda Hicks
Sharon Hicks
Susan Hill

Meredith Holloman
Bryan Holston
Daryl Holston
Michelle Hooker
Pauline Hosey
Sherrie Huff

Brian Hunt
Renne Hunt
Darnell Jackson
Tonya Jackson
Barabra Jennings
James Jerdan

Contina Jimerson
Bridgett Johnson
Jamie Johnson
Jermaine Johnson
Louise Johnson
Stacey Johnson

Rotondra Johnson
David Jordan
Brandi Justice
Swain Keaton
Bryan Kelly
Matthew Kelly

Channing Kennedy
Stepanie Kessler
Kiesha Kirk
Jasper Kitchings
Chris Krueger
Kip Lawson

Jeff Ledford
Michelle Lee
Felicia Lewis
Jacqueline Mackie
Vanessa Mackie
Dennis Maningas

— Melissa Martindale
Tina Marshall
Jody Martin
Willie Mathis
Chad Matthews
Laray Maynard

—Chris McCarthy
— Shane McCormack
Kimberly McGee
Jennifer Mithchell
— John Mitrick
Billy Molony

Chris Mongraw
— Jeff Mastronmonico
Jennifer Morris
Tim Morris
Dwayne Moseley
Joe Moseley

Frederick Muldrow
Theda Myers
Scottie Myrick
William Noonan
Cam Nuessle
Ellen Oakman

Ciciley Odom
Stephan Ortaldo
Mark Overstreet
George Page
Heather Pajerski
Rohit Patel

John Patterson
William Payne
Larry Payton
— Andy Perkins
Jackie Perry
Chrissie Platt

On the Prowl

Students Search for That Certain Someone

It is common knowledge that most high school students spend more time on the prowl than in the books. It is a fact that can't be denied. Just take a look around. If school was only for studying, people would not dress-to-impress as much as dress for comfort. Since school is one place where there are mixtures of males and females, people *do* dress for attention. Guys and girls alike are looking for that "special someone." But what makes up that special person? In Jennifer Dorman's case, it's "appearance, money, and personality — in that order!" Some people are not as lucky and don't know what they are looking for in a perfect match. More importantly, they don't know what members of the opposite sex are searching for in the "right" someone. In order to help, a list of what guys and girls look for has been compiled. May your weekends no longer be spent at home (alone).

Girls are attracted to:
appearance
personality
actions
intelligence
attitude
loving/caring
sense of humor
trustworthiness

Guys are attracted to:
appearance
personality
attitude
intelligence
sense of humor
actions
self-confidence
similar interests
responsibility

Discussing the weekend before gym class Freshmen **Kristy Weiss** and **Becky Arthur** find that friendship is an important part of high school.

Moya Pope
Ziggy Poplin —
Chris Powell
Carrie Power
Nelson Priester
Steven Proctor —

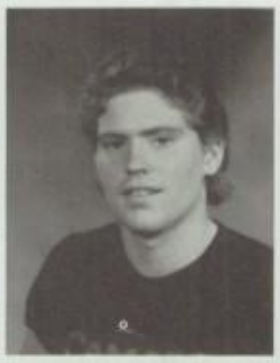
David Pryor
Tocia Purvis
Mitch Quinn
Christopher Ramdeen
Jamie Randall
Lynn Randall —

Peter Randall
Beth Raynor
Michelle Rebelo —
Traci Redd
Malinda Reed
Richard Reese

Shayne Reynolds
Matthew Rhodes
Kenny Richardson
Robyn Richardson
—Heather Riddle
Julie Roberson

David Roberts
Julia Robinson
Ryan Robinson
Kyle Rogers
Keith Rothwell
—Belinda Rourk

Cornelia Roverson
Bryan Rox
Melena Russell
— Nicole Salmon
Lester Scadding
Joseph Schoultz



— Dana Schwalbert
Kent Scippid
Lorrie Scott
Gary Seigler
John Shealy
—Brent Shuler

Brian Sides
Billy Silas
Konward Simmons
Yolanda Simmons
Patricia Smith
Robert Smith

Angel Snader
Scott Somers
LeAnn Spiker
Melissa Sprulock
Leslie Stallworth
Buddy Stanford

Bobby Steadman
Eddy Stein
Nikki Stevens
Shane Still
Henry Stogner
Lisa Sullivan

Final Jeopardy

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Our School

Here is everything anyone ever wanted to know about our beloved school and was afraid to ask. (and more)! Do not stake your life on the accuracy of these facts. Who knows, there may be another window hiding somewhere around here. We are certain though, that it is the most thorough study yet taken. Would you believe that there are . . .

102 rooms
264 doors
150,373 sq. feet
129 windows
2,848 lockers
23 bathrooms
496 parking spaces
81 employees
4 fire extinguishers
1,600 books in the library
15 water fountains

Remember these so when you find yourself on "Final Jeopardy" and the host says, "The answer is 2,848" you can reply, "The question is . . . What is the number of lockers in your high school?" Congratulations! You are now the winner of a trip to Hawaii! (Winning a spirit rag would be more realistic, though . . .)

Paul Swygert
Chad Taylor
Charlie Taylor
Johnnie Taylor
Gracelyn Thomas
Michelle Thompson

Warren Timmerman
Julett Tindall
Cindy Tinnes
Sam Toole
Carman Turner
Phillip Turner

Richard Turner
Tracia Turner
Nora Twiggs
Jennifer Vann
April Vickery
Braeden Walker

James Walker
Marcus Walker
Tanya Wallace
Andy Walton
Stacey Washington
Jonathan Waters

Erika Watson
Monica Weaver
Wallice Weaver
--Kristi Weiss
Eric Whipple
Clifford Whitley

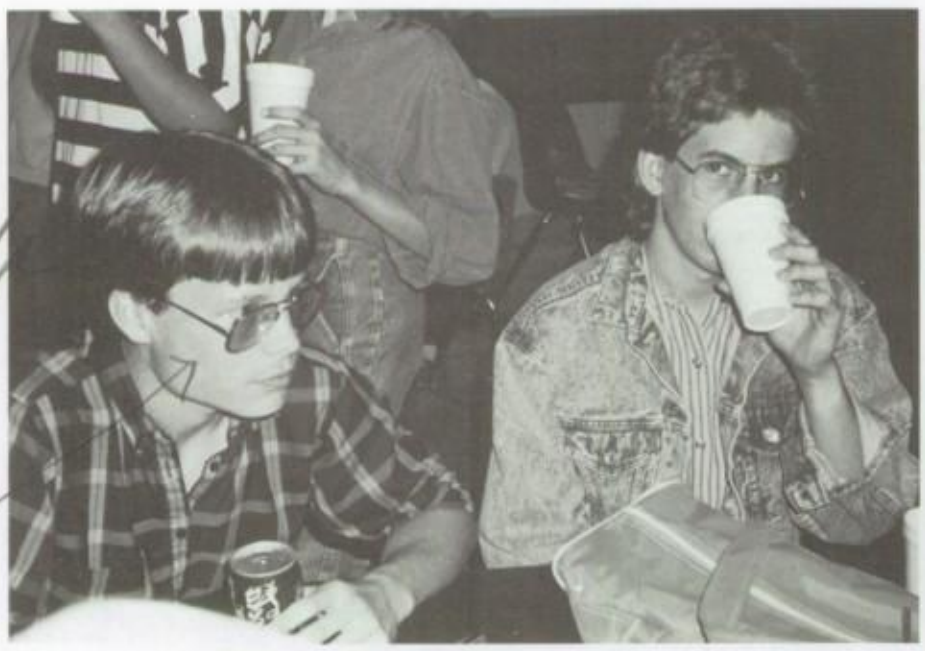
Clint Widener
Jason Widener
Robert Wiley
Jeremy Wilkinson
Antonio Williams
Tonya Williams

Vicky Williams
Jason Willis
Eddie Wilson
Tamara Wise
Jason Woodward
Scott Woodward

Helen Wright
Mercy Workman
Shannon Young

Taking a break at lunch, **Steve Proctor** and **Tim Morris** enjoy the privileges of the vending machines.

Playing at Aiken's Makin' freshman, **Thomas Cory,** entertains the crowd with his lip-sync to an Inxs song.



Controversy

A Student's Curse or a Teacher's Crutch

Homework is a fact of life — teachers assign it, and students complain about it. Many students feel that homework is a waste of time. Mistie Black says, "I think teachers give us too much homework. It's not necessary if we have already done the classwork." Exactly what is the purpose of doing homework? "Doing homework on a regular basis helps students understand hard concepts," says Ms. Marion Marshall. Ms. Lyn Gibson shares this point of view, "Homework gives students the opportunity to practice independently the concepts that they are learning in class." According to Ms. Pamela Faustmann, "The purpose of homework is to enhance the lesson." Do students understand this reasoning? Cassandra Hart feels it helps her understand the material. "I think that it helps the student understand the subject better," says Mary Johnson. Curtis Brown disagrees, "It doesn't help me any because I understand the material when it is explained in class." "If teachers give us homework, it just means that they can't teach it in class," declares John Reardon. Regardless of whether or not students feel that doing homework is worthwhile, teachers will continue to assign it. "Homework is the greatest thing ever invented," says Mr. Clarence Raiford with a smile. Some teachers may enjoy giving homework *too* much! Tabore Rector concludes, "Homework is a privilege of teachers, and, like drinking, it should never be abused."

Ms. Gloria Allen — Algebra II/Trig; General Math II; Mu Alpha Theta
Mrs. Jean H. Balwin — Study Hall Supervisor
Mrs. Rosalyn Barton — Chemistry I/II; Science Club
Mrs. Sharon Bayles — English II; Journalism; **Winner's Circle**
Mrs. Elizabeth Beckham — Physical Science I
Mrs. Leona Bishop — Secretary; Accountant

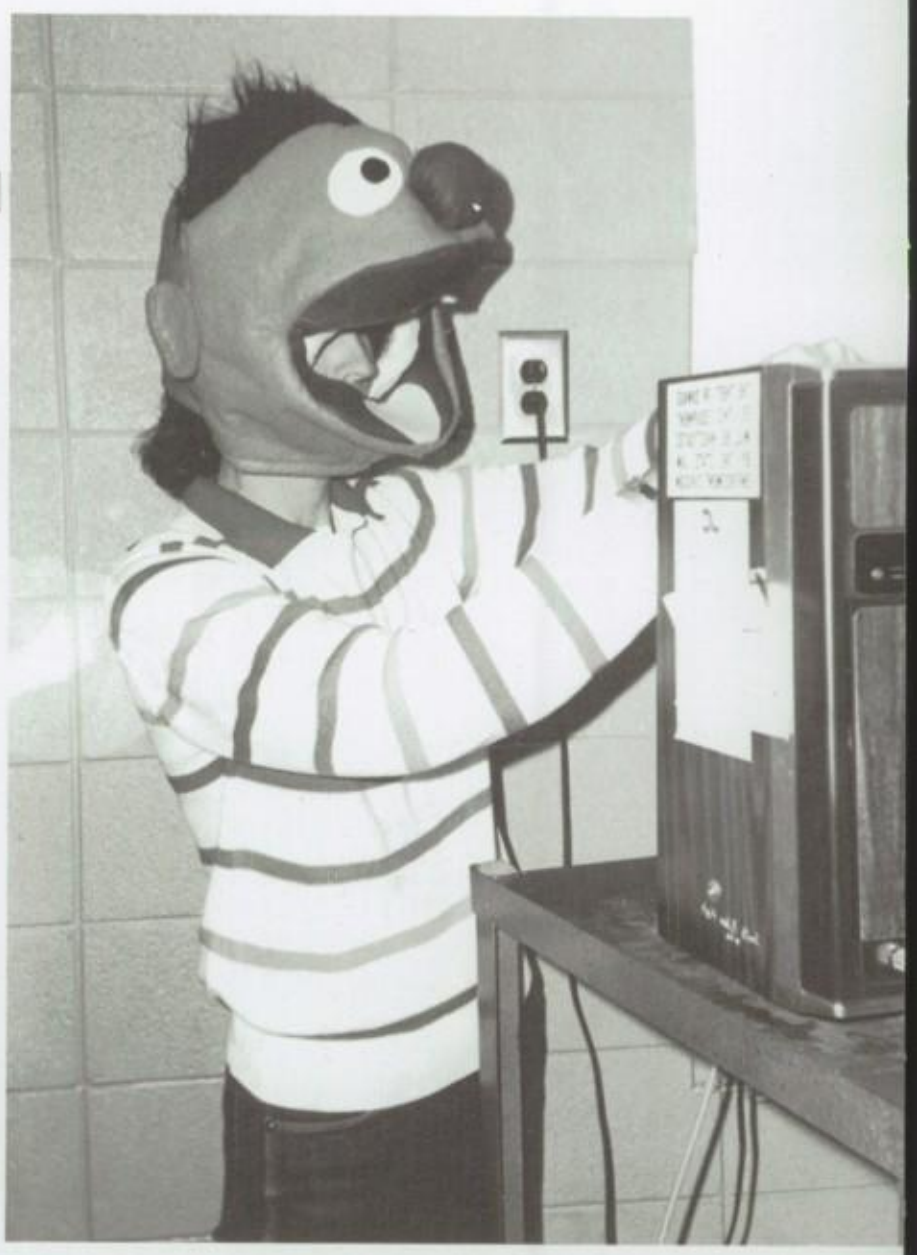
Mrs. Helen Bradly — Librarian
Mr. Chris Brooks — Assistant Principal
Mr. Bruce Brown — German I/II/III; Remedial Reading I
Ms. Katherine Brown — Cafeteria Staff
Mrs. Kathy Brown — English IV; AP English, Academic Team
Mrs. Dinah Brumit — English III/IV; Hoofbeats/Faculty Editor

Ms. Esther Bussy — Study Hall Supervisor
Mrs. Ann Byrd — Typing I; Business Law; Keyboarding I
Ms. Katherine Carlyle — U.S. History; Economics, Student Council
Ms. Karen Carter — Physical Education; Girls' Volleyball; Girls' Varsity Basketball
Ms. Martha Crumpton — Cafeteria Staff
Mr. Russell Culbertson — Government; Economics; Boys' JV Basketball

Mr. James Dawsey — Principal
Marguerite Dechaw — Marketing I/II; DECCA
Ms. Lizzie Dennis — Librarian
Mr. Don Dupee — Chorus I/II; Concert Choir
Mr. Edward Edison — General Math I/II/III
Ms. Pamela Faustmann — English III; Teacher Cadet; Creative Writing; **Calliope**

"Grrrowwll!" Students neglect their homework on Halloween and English teacher **Mrs. Kathy Brown** expresses her anger.

"Where's Bert?" **Mrs. Em Ligon** dressed as Ernie plugs in the T.V. in hopes of finding him. Even faculty participated in the extra credit project of dressing like a literary character.



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Mrs. Angie Flanagan — Foods I/II; Basic Home Economics
Mrs. Cathleen Foster — Guidance Counselor
Mrs. Brenda Fox — Guidance Secretary
Mr. Leroy Gethers — Assistant Principal
Ms. Charlotte Gibbs — U.S. History; National Honor Society

Ms. Lynette Gibson — English II; French II; Hoofbeats, Faculty Editor
Mrs. Pam Goidell — General Math I; Geometry; Calculus; Intro. to Computers; Math Team
Mrs. Priscilla Hammett — General Math II; Geometry
Mrs. Harriet Hare — General Math I, II, III; Geometry
Mrs. Shirley Hasty — World Georgraphy I, II; Civilization
Mrs. Sue Hayes — Psychology I, II; S.A.D.D.

Mr. Mike Hicks — Physical Education, Health Education; Varsity Baseball
Mrs. Carolyn Hodges — General Math II; Algebra I
Mr. Donnie Holland — Biology I; Physical Education; Boys' Varsity Basketball
Mrs. Louella Holley — Library Secretary
Ms. Ginny Hughes — Physical Education
Ms. Cora Johnson — Cafeteria Staff

Ms. Frances Johnson — Cafeteria Staff
Ms. Gail Johnson — Resource Specialist
Mrs. Peggy Lambert — U.S. History, Economics
Ms. Willie Lanham — Biology I, II
Mrs. Em Ligon — English II, IV; **Hoofbeats**
Mrs. Shirley Lowe — Cafeteria Manager

Ms. Marion Marshall — Biology I
Ms. Vivian Martin — Typing I; Record Keeping I; Accounting I
Mrs. Nancy Moseley — General Math III; Algebra II
Mrs. Jan Nashatker — Spanish I, II, III, IV; El Cid; Key Club; Ski Club
Mr. Larry Nelson — Drivers' Education; Football; Soccer, Athletic Director
Mr. Everette Noel — J.V. Band; Varsity Band

Mrs. Pamela Oates — French I, II, III, IV
Mrs. Lizzie Owens — Cafeteria Staff
Mr. Russel Palmer — Football; Softball
Mrs. Susan Player — Government; World Geography I, II
Mrs. Nancy Kay Porter — Algebra I; Geometry; General Math II
Mr. Donald Powell — Janitorial Service

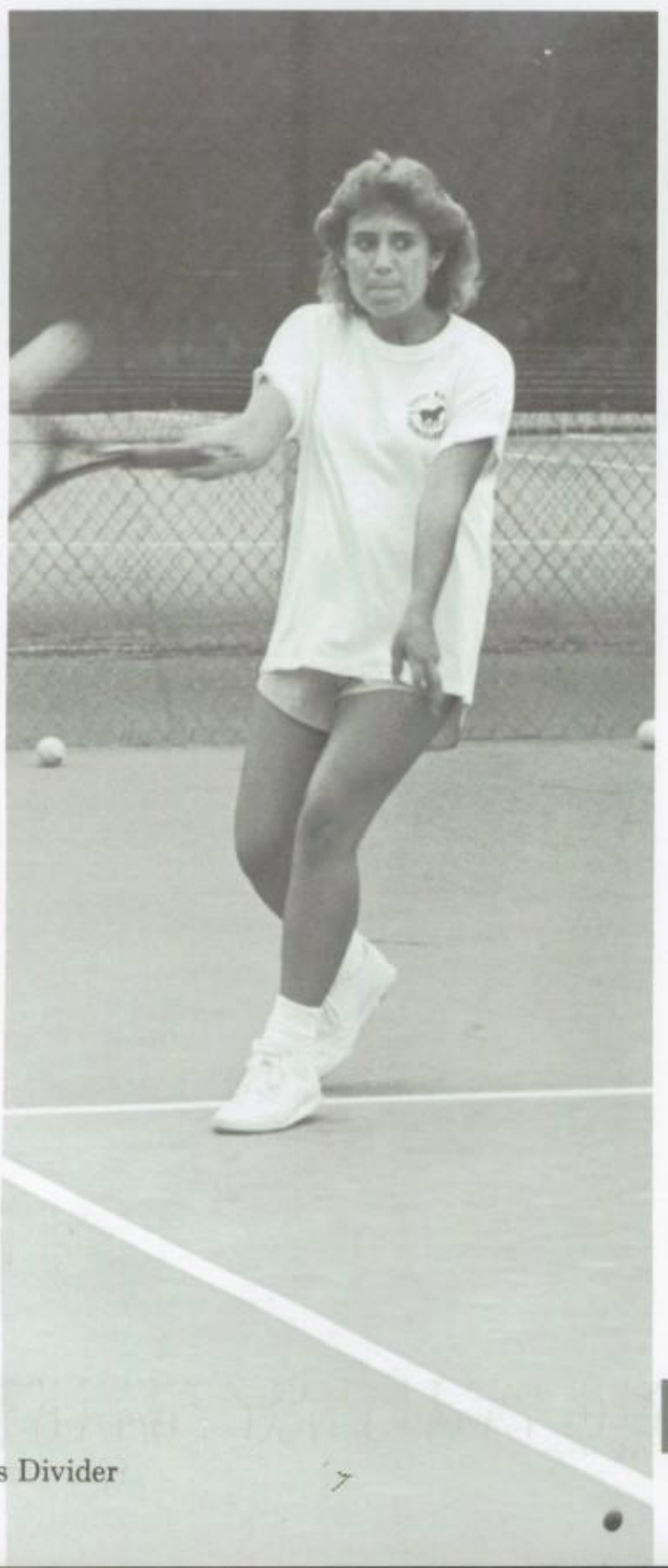
Mr. Clarence Raiford — General Math I; Algebra II
Mrs. Bette Ray — Attendance Supervisor
Mrs. Andrea Reeves — English III; English II SOAR
Mrs. Erma Richter — English I, II
Ms. Earnestine Roberts — Family Life; Parenthood; Clothing I, II; Foods I, II
Ms. Annie Robinson — Office Secretary

Ms. Ellen Robinson — Cafeteria Staff
Mr. P. W. Robinson — Remedial Math I, II
Mr. Thomas Robinson — English III, IV; Senior Class Play
Mrs.Lee Ann Schlesser — Data Processing; Word Processing; Introduction to Computers; Keyboarding I; Future Secretaries of America
Ms. Gloria Smith — Accounting I, II; Typing I
Mrs. Sharon Stone — World History; Economics; Model United Nations
Mr. George Stulb — Industrial Arts I
Ms. Nancy Thorne — Remedial Reading I, II
Mr. Carroll Timmerman — English I; J.V. Girls' Basketball
Ms. Dora Turner — Cafeteria Staff
Mr. John Wagoner — General Math III; Algebra I, Football
Mr. Bill Walsh

Lt. James Wiggins — Naval Science I, II, III, IV; NJROTC
McPo William Blickenstoff — Naval Science I, II, III, IV; NJROTC

Hurdler, **Leroy Bush** strives for another win for the Thoroughbreds.

Doug Smith drinks to victory during the South Aiken vs. C. A. Johnson game.



Jenny Ingle proves that concentration wins matches.

Setting the Pace

Thoroughbreds Meet the Sporting Challenge

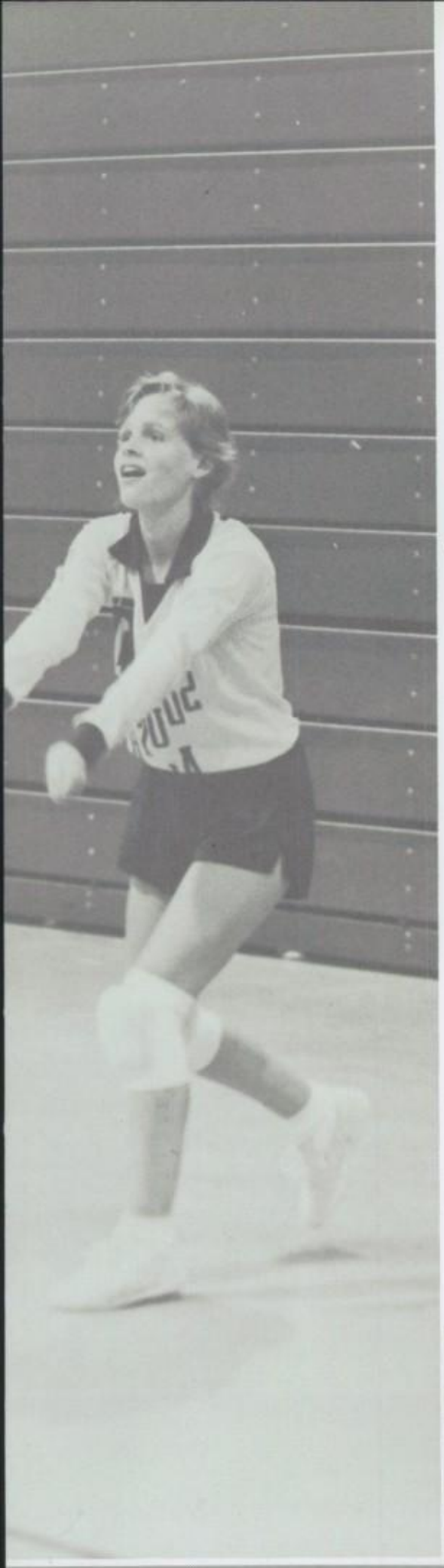
Once again the school was superbly represented by the Thundering Thoroughbreds. But, as any athlete or coach will say, success is unattainable without hours of practice, whether under the hot August sun, or in the freezing January air. In victory, or in defeat, the Thoroughbreds are, and will always be, "Bred To Be Different."

Concentrating on the ball, **Beth Bailey** prepares to return a pass.

With a pound on the floor, **Amy Hunter** checks to see her efforts paid off.

Christi Zentgraf checks in with officials before entering the game.

Front Row: **Shawna Fountain, Christi Zentgraf, Beth Bailey, Coach Karen Carter, Rachel Blitch, Kati Murphy, Amy Hunter.** Back Row: **Kelly Whitson, Jennifer Ross, Alice Branton, Laura Coakley, Sheila Burris, Kim Brooks.**



GAINING THE NET ADVANTAGE

At 10:00 one morning in early August, the Lady Thoroughbred volleyball team gathered in the gym to begin a grueling workout. Lifting weights and running numerous suicides prepared the team for their debut in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in early September. The girls returned home with four losses, but gained a lot of helpful experience. After returning to Aiken, the team began working on the mistakes made in Tennessee. Junior Alice Branton said, "We accomplished a lot this season, which made running all those suicides during the summer not seem so bad. We improved as a team and we all became closer friends."

The volleyball team rebounded from those four early losses and accomplished two important firsts in the school's history; the team won first place in the Lions Invitational Tournament and captured the Lower State championship. To win the Lower State title, the girls had to defeat their arch-rival, Bishop England. They did so twice in the semifinals and finals; however, in the state tournament, the team lost to Bishop England and came away with the state ranking of fourth. "Because we were so young, we didn't really think we would do that well this year. But we were the first team to win the Lions Invitational Tournament and to win Lower State. With everyone back next year, who knows what else we can do," commented junior Kati Murphy.

"We had good players on the team, but we owe most of our success to Coach Carter," said sophomore Laura Coakley. Without Coach Carter, the team may not have accomplished as much as they did. Coach Karen Carter followed in the footsteps of Coach Bill Walsh. She did a tremendous job of taking over the position and ended the year very respectably. Coach Carter said in her summary of the season, "The volleyball team is very special to me. It is not only composed of high caliber athletes, but quality people. They've made my first year with them memorable and I'm looking forward to working with all of them next year."

Kati Murphy has spent the last three years playing for the volleyball team. As a sophomore, Kati won the Hustle Award, and as a junior, Kati was awarded Best Serving Percentile and was chosen All-Conference Player. Kati is a setter in a 5-1 offense. She said that her toughest game was "this year during the Daniel Tournament when the team played Daniel. It was the fifth match we had played that day and we were all really tired. We were down nine points, but we finally came back to win."

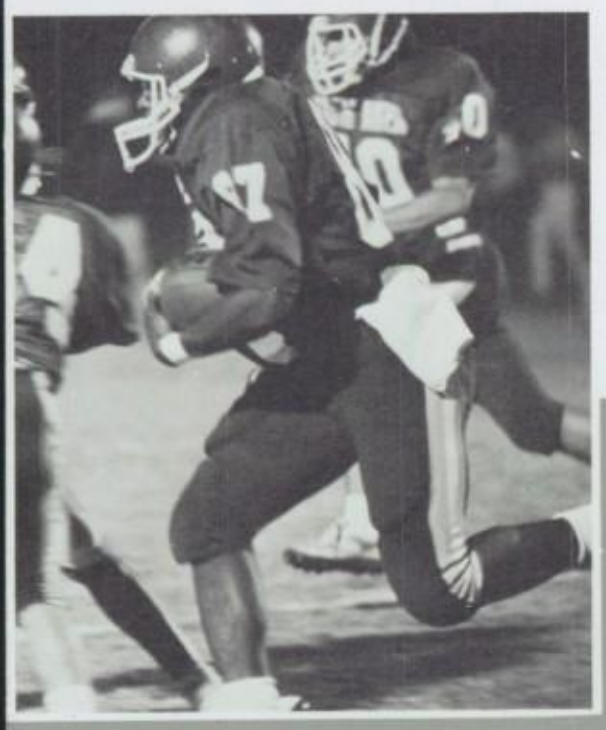
Quarterback **Bernard Roberson** takes the snap and prepares to hand off.

"Have a Coke and a smile!" **Nathan McDaniel** watches from the sidelines until he is needed again.

Pushing ahead the Thoroughbreds fight for another win against A. C. Flora.

Just making it into the end zone, **Doug Smith** scores six more points to put the Thoroughbreds out ahead.

FROM A SLOW START...



With the help of his teammates, **Doug Smith** rushes for seven yards while **Ralph Roe** clears the way.

The varsity football team finished the year with a record which compares favorably with previous Thoroughbred football seasons. Even before the season started, hopes were high that this year's team would make things happen. Even though these hopes were deflated after their first three games, the football team went on to finish the season with a very respectable record of 7 and 4.

The first three games were very trying for the team. A disappointing loss to Silver Bluff and a 7-6 upset at the hands of Midland Valley had people wondering if this year's team was all it was supposed to be. Those who remembered the Thoroughbreds of the year before, who narrowly missed the playoffs, just waited to see what would develop.

This past football season was the big finale for John Barker, our outstanding offensive lineman. Barker began his high school career as a J.V. in the ninth grade. That year prepared him for his three varsity seasons, the last of which was filled with honors and recognition. John was named Outstanding Offensive Lineman, First Team All-CSRA, All-Conference, All-State, and played in the annual North-South All-Star game. Certainly he is an athlete in the finest Thoroughbred tradition and will be sorely missed.

. . . TO A STRONG FINISH

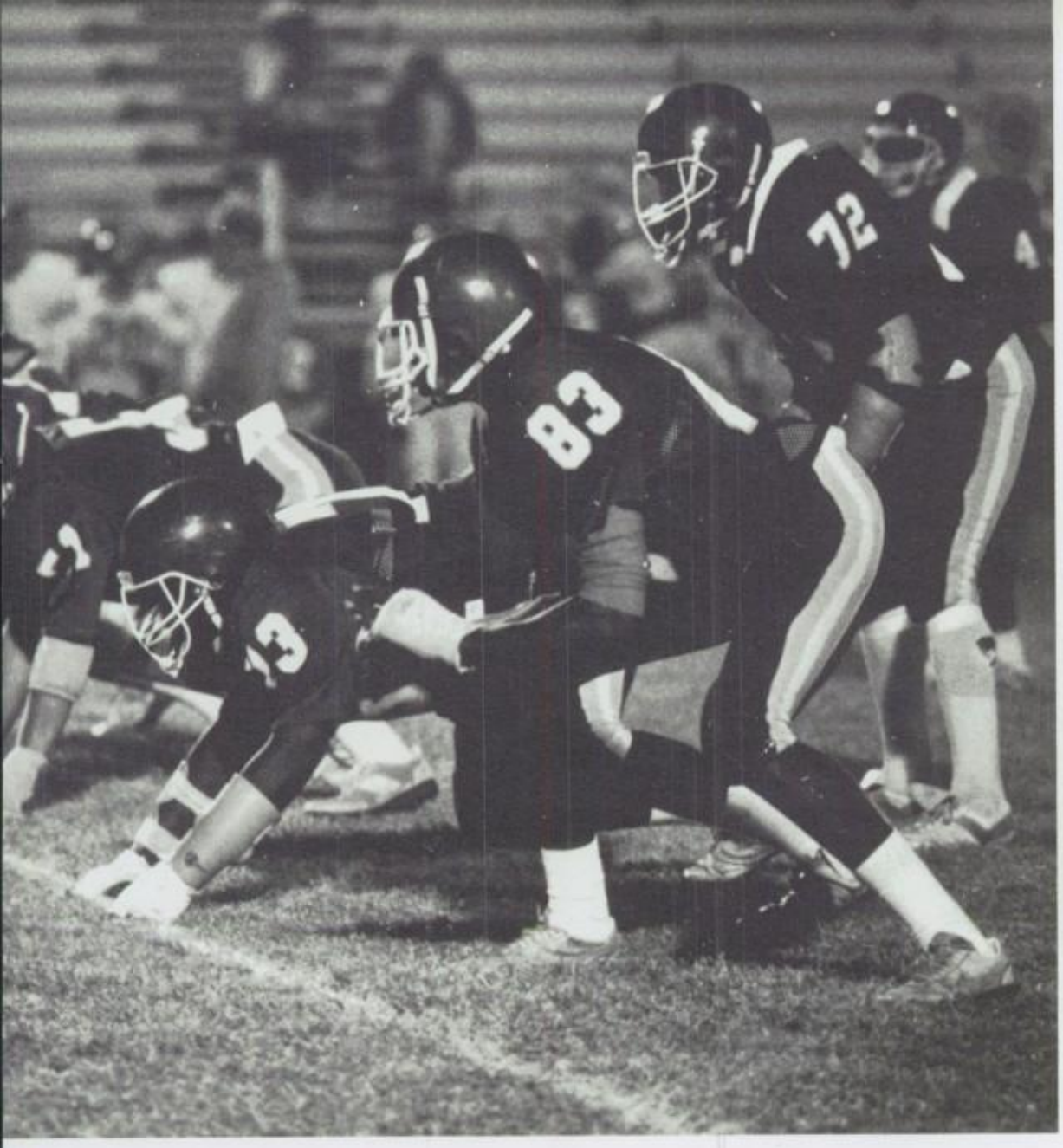
The doubters were soon quieted as the football team recorded shutouts against both Columbia and Dreher. They proceeded to roll through conference play until they hit a stumbling block. Their loss to Keenan 21-10 took the team out of the driver's seat in the conference and in the end proved to be the reason that they didn't claim the conference championship. The Thoroughbreds quickly bounced back with a win against Strom Thurmond. Like the year before, the team's fate depended on the most important game of the year.

It all came down to the game against arch-rival Aiken High. Last year Aiken knocked them out of the play-offs and the Hornets had a chance to do it again. This year though, they couldn't handle the team's strength. Despite an unpromising 7-0 deficit in the first half, the Thoroughbreds came back to win 15-7, proving which was the better team, as well as earning a play-off spot. Although their play-off hopes were soon thwarted with a loss to the state runner-up, Marion, the varsity football team ended the season with a very respectable record.

— Chris Mutschler

Coach Larry Nelson watches as the defense attempts to hold back the opposing team.

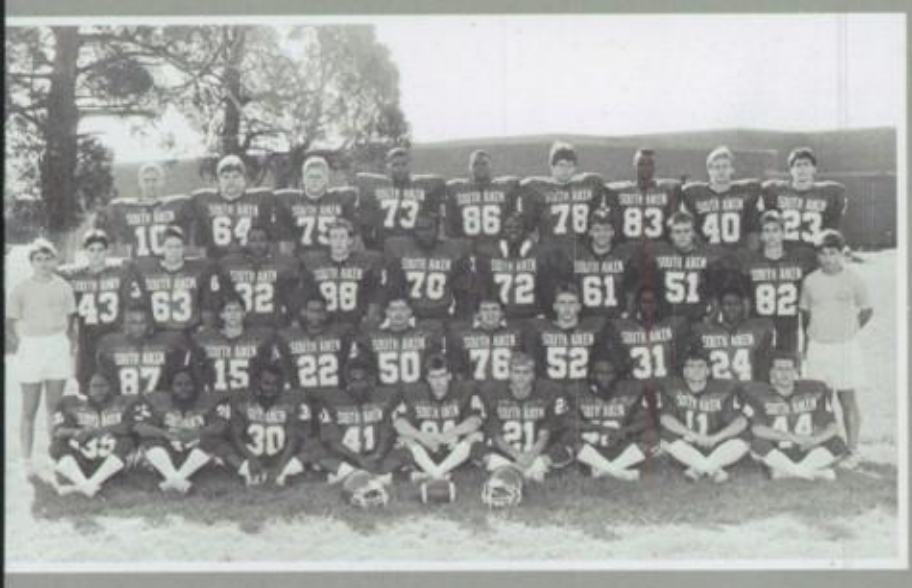
Shawn Patterson's eight years of playing football really paid off this year. He excelled as the substitute quarterback. For his excellence he was awarded the honor of WBBQ's football player of the week. He and his parents were invited to a banquet honoring him and other players where he met one of his many idols, William Andrews from the Atlanta Falcons. Shawn feels good about his past season and he hopes that next year is as good.



Frozen in anticipation, the Thoroughbred defense prepares itself for an offensive attack.

Sophomore **Wade Collins** looks hopefully at the action as the clock ticks down.

Forcing his way through a group of defenders, **Shawn Patterson** struggles for more yardage.



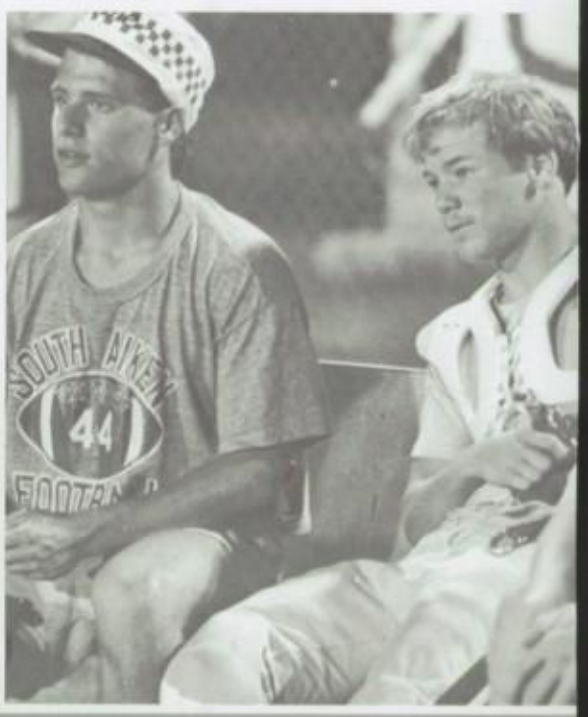
First Row: **Freddie Jones, Shawn Patterson, Terry Lewis, Rodney Johnson, Ralph Roe, Brad Brodie, Leroy Bush, Robbie Crisp, Joe Cramer.** Second Row: **Doug Smith, Russ Messick, Bernard Roberson, Mike Santomauro, Chris Mutschler, David Wilson, Tony Norris, Eugene White.** Third Row: **Manager David Sides, Bryant Caveness, David Miller, Wade Collins, Jeff Osborne, Alvin Brown, Reggie Landy, Brad Holmes, Ross Green, Ashley Barton, Manager Andy Perkins.** Fourth Row: **Matt Plodinec, John Barker, Nathan McDaniel, Mario Johnson, Steve Franklin, Tim Coakley, Purnell Perry, Steve Parsons, Warren Geiger.**

ONE MORE YEAR

The junior varsity football squad survived a rough start and wound up their season with three consecutive victories. Coach Palmer, although not totally satisfied with the Thoroughbreds' performance, was encouraged by the team's excellent finish. "We were worried there for awhile, but the kids really dug in and played excellent football the last half of the year."

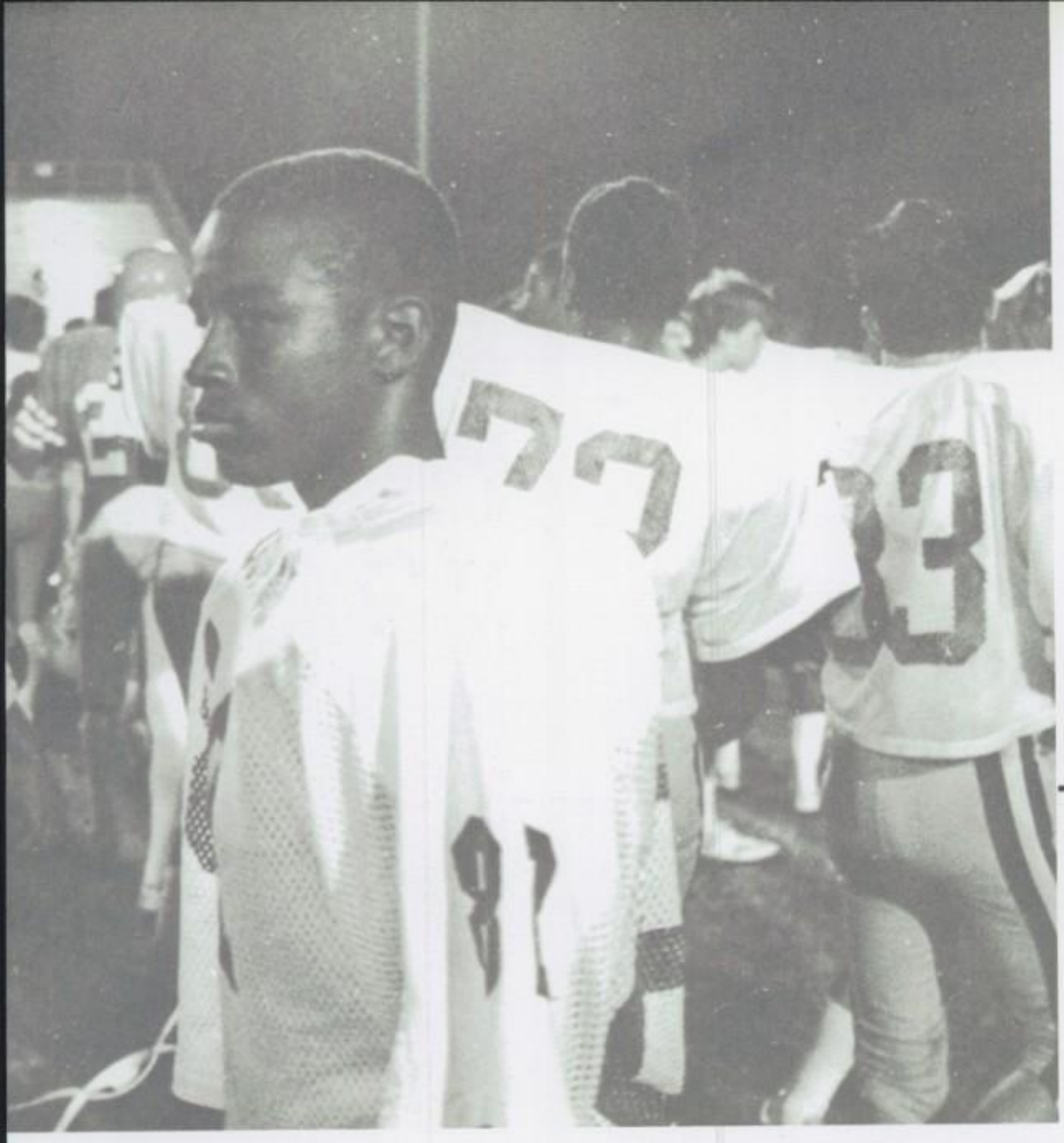
Led by running backs Anthony Harris and Jasper Kitchings, the Jayvees faced several tough opponents in their opening games. After a close loss to archrival Aiken, however, the Thoroughbreds' luck began to change. Two convincing wins gave the team the respectability which they had lacked all season. The finale was a grudge match against Aiken High. The game was extremely competitive, but the Thoroughbreds came away with a hard-fought victory.

When speaking of his team's performance, Coach Palmer was quick to point out that the junior varsity's main function is to give younger players the experience needed to play on the varsity. "It's always hard to tell, but I believe that most of these young men have what it takes to be successful high school football players." Whatever their fate, the Jayvees can be proud of their comeback this year and set an example for future teams.



Warming the JV bench, varsity player **Joe Cramer** gives advice to **Lee Young.**

Number 33 Paxson Jeancake, a sophomore, played fullback and cornerback on the j.v. team. He felt that the high point of this year was "beating Aiken High the second time we played them." When asked about future goals, he answered, "My ultimate goal is to play football for Carolina." Paxson will definitely be one we hear from many times in the future.



Jayvee players celebrate after a win at Hagood stadium.

Eldon Williams, number 43, blocks for **Ryan Brodie** on a punt return.

Quarterback **Lee Young** prepares to hand off to one of his running backs.

First Row: **John Rearden, Jeff Stone, Wallace Weaver, Earl Hall, Billy Molony, Lee Young.** Second Row: **Neil Mutschler, Steve Green, Steven Bright, Jim Hammett, Carlos Gent, Michael Karo, Paxson Jeancake.** Third Row: **Swaine Keaton, Fred Muldrow, Chris Warner, James Holston, Alton Aaron, Jonathan Waters, David Johnson.** Fourth Row: **Scott Anthony, Ryan Brodie, Robert Frazier, Jason Willis, Shawn Hevel, Willie Bryant, Adam Howell.**

SHOOTING STARS

"Basketball is a very energetic sport. It takes confidence and willpower to make a player, but it takes togetherness to make a really good team," said junior Donna Trowell.

All of this togetherness began during the second week of June. The Lady Thoroughbreds ran a camp for younger children to help raise money. Through its success, the team raised enough money to attend the University of Georgia's basketball camp. All of the girls returned to Aiken having gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and experience.

In the middle of October, those not involved in fall sports began a running and weight-lifting program. Then in early November, the whole team came together to begin practice, which consisted mainly of a draining running program. "I feel good when we run a lot at practice because it makes us work harder," commented Kim Stewart. When asked about practice, Alice Branton summed it up. "Sometimes after a long day at school, it's difficult to have a good practice, mentally and physically, but after a big win it all seems worthwhile."

As the Lady Thoroughbreds continued their intense workouts, the regular season approached. The team travelled to Augusta in December to play in the SERTOMA Classic. The team met some stiff competition, but came home with the first place trophy. Chris MacMurdo, the Stanford-bound senior, continued to please the coaches, fans, and herself as the season progressed. She commented, "This year we are taking the season one step at a time. Obviously we would be ecstatic about winning the state championship game, but we are concentrating on the essentials right now and that's team ball." Along with Chris, the team achieved a very satisfying 51-18 victory over rival Aiken High in late January. They were still undefeated halfway through the season.

The team would not have gained so much success without two very important people, Coaches Karen Carter and Pat Keating. Devoting almost all of their time to the team, they worked to make the Thoroughbreds the best. Coach Keating commented, "The reason we are successful is we work as one unit, not making any one person the focus. Each and every player is interested in team success." Coach Carter summed up the season by saying, "This season has been one of the most positive athletic experiences of my career. The athletes are all special to me and I consider myself lucky to have been associated with them."
The Lady Thoroughbreds went on to defeat T.L. Hanna on March 12, 1988 to capture the South Carolina Class 3-A State Championship.

Kim Stewart has played basketball five years, the past two for the Lady Thoroughbreds. She plans on continuing and hopes to obtain a scholarship for college. Kim not only wants to succeed in basketball, but also wishes to run track. Kim plays every court position but center. "I think the team is doing well, but the defense could do better." Kim has two more years and is already shining in the spotlight.

Looking for an open teammate, **Chris MacMurdo** prepares to pass the ball around a Lady Hornet at the SERTOMA Christmas Classic.

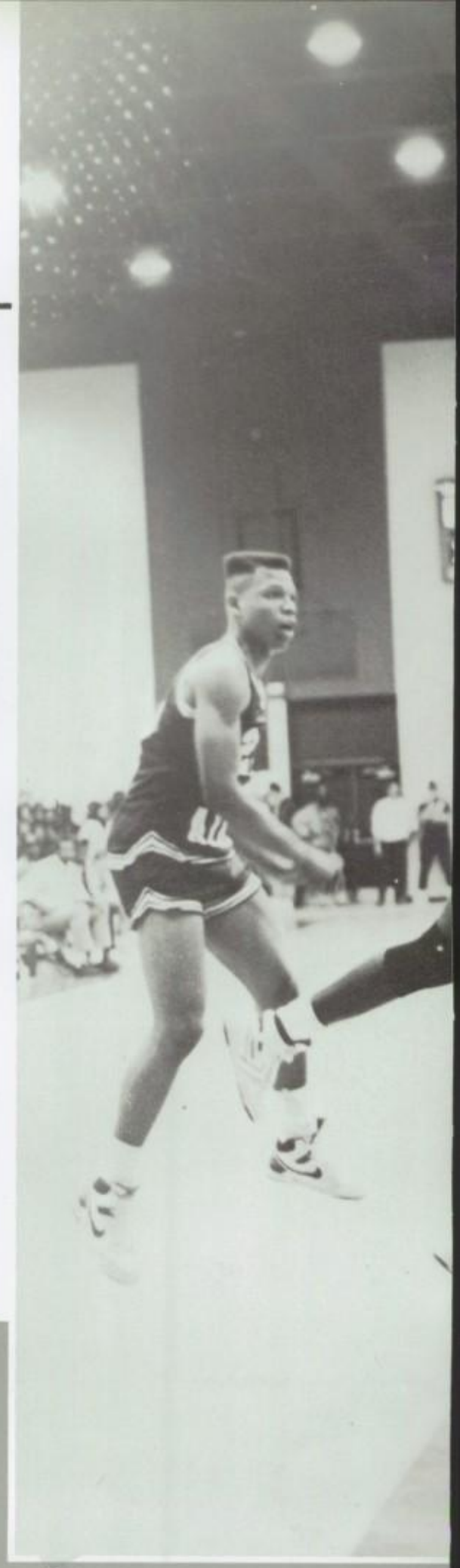
Misty Robbins goes one-on-one with a C. A. Johnson Lady Hornet during a South Aiken home game.

Double-teamed by Batesburg-Leesville, **Laura Coakley** goes for the shot.

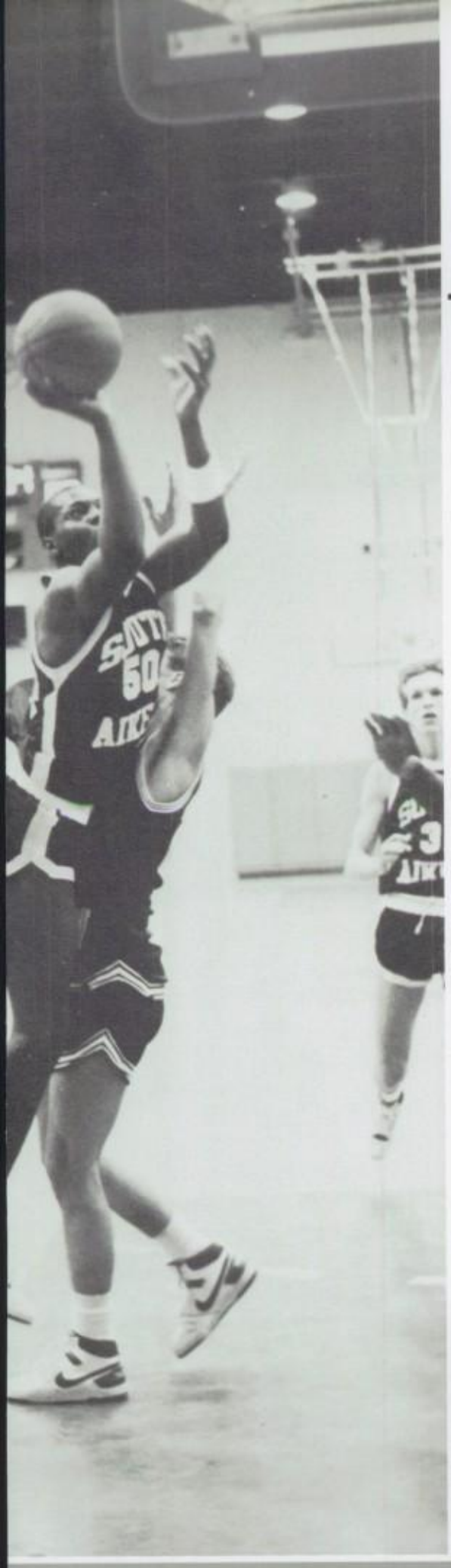
Front row: Kim Stewart, Laura Coakley, Chris MacMurdo, Alice Branton, Mysti Robbins. Back Row: Coach Pat Keating, Lisa Hickey, Donna Trowell, Jennifer Ross, Lisa Gentry, Mary Johnson, Tabitha Butler.

Bernard Roberson crouches as he scans the team for an open man.

Russ Messick takes off as he attempts two points during the South Aiken vs. Aiken High game.



Front row: Leroy Bush, Russ Messick, Bernard Roberson, Dwayne Boyleston, Brad Kingsberry. Back row: Coach John Russell, Andy Perkins, Coach Brian Wolfe, Derrick Paige, Ray Griffin, Ryan Brown, Steve Franklin, Purnell Perry, Craig Holston, David Sides, Coach Rusty Culbertson, Coach Donnie Holland.



KNEE-DEEP IN THE HOOP-LA

Coach Donnie Holland's Varsity boys' basketball team performed well this season, sustaining the Thoroughbred tradition of athletic excellence for yet another year. Although the team failed to defend its conference 5-AAA championship, the players and coaches felt that they gave a good effort throughout the season.

The Thoroughbreds began their schedule at the SERTOMA Classic in Augusta. After a series of last-second victories, the team fell to a tough Glenn Hills squad and brought home the second place trophy. Then in mid-January, the conference schedule began. The players lost a few close games and a heartbreaker to Aiken, effectively putting them out of the conference race.

Seniors, Russ Messick, Purnell Perry, Ray Griffin, and Craig Holston led the team this year. Perhaps the greatest contributor was junior Steve Franklin, who paced the team with several outstanding rebounding and scoring performances, including one 40-point game. As Coach Holland put it, "Steve is a guy you can depend on — day in and day out. I'm looking forward to having him as a senior next year."

The performance of the Thoroughbreds this year was successful, considering the small number of seniors on the team. However, with hard work, talent, and a little luck, the Varsity boys' basketball squad should return to its previous high standards of play.

Steve Franklin plows over an Aiken High player in order to score two points.

Steve Franklin has been playing basketball for seven years. He has served the Thoroughbreds well the past three years, two of which he spent on the Varsity team. Steve has lettered for the past two years and was named to the All Tournament Team during the Christmas Classic. When asked about his plans for college he replied, "Maybe Clemson or Carolina — somewhere close to home." The highlight of the year was scoring forty points against North Augusta. He feels that the guys on the team are more than just teammates, they are more like close friends. "They are what keeps me going."

Maggie Brown's facial expression displays her determination as she prepares to shoot in the game against Ridge Spring Monetta.

Showing their spirit, the team cheers after an important goal is made in the game against Strom Thurmond.

Striving for points, **Christy Osbon** shoots for the goal in the game against Ridge Spring Monetta.

Front row: Tracey Alkema, Beth Raynor, Carrie Power, Zakia Cobbs, Gloria Lewis, Angel Snader, Shan White. Second row: Stacy Pierce, Christy Osbon, Lakisha Kirk, Maggie Brown, Jennifer Glover, Sherè Vickery, Regina Franklin, Coach Carroll Timmerman.

ORDER ON THE COURT

The junior varsity girls' basketball team started this year's season on the wrong foot. With only three players who had any experience playing organized ball, the odds were stacked against them.

Not only was the team young, so was the coach. This was Coach Carroll Timmerman's first year as a coach at South Aiken. "I have always enjoyed coaching girls' basketball and this year has been no exception. My only complaint is not having enough coaching time to teach fundamentals," he said. Not only have the obstacles been a lack of experience, but also tough competition. Many of their opponents had returning players with much more experience. Coach Timmerman said, "This is a very inexperienced team. Each game has shown some improvement from all players. Hopefully by the end of the season we will improve enough to have a winning season." With lots of time and patience and much practice, the team gained this needed experience.

Maggie Brown is experiencing the excitement of Thoroughbred basketball for the first time on this year's junior varsity team. She describes her talent as natural and further explains it is because she loves the game. Outside of school leagues, she has participated as a volunteer for the hospital league. When asked about this year's season Maggie said, "This has been a good season. Everyone looks good and is pleased with her accomplishments. We've all had a lot of fun."

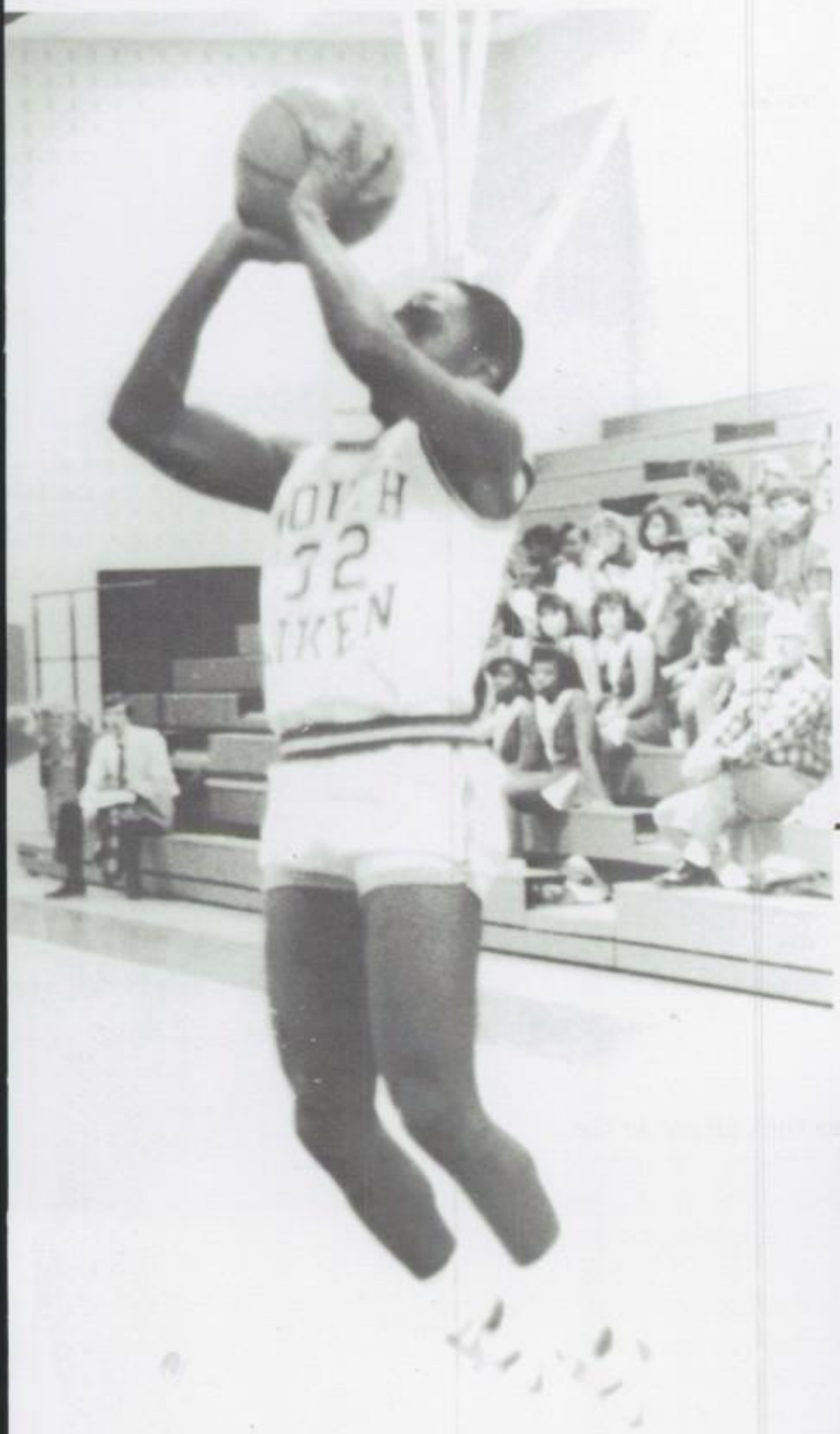
EXCEEDING ONE'S GOALS

This year the boys' junior varsity basketball team posted their best record yet. The team cruised through the schedule, demolishing most of their opponents and attracting the attention of not only the student body but of the community as well.

This well-deserved credit was the result of hard work, determination, and raw talent. Said Coach Russel Culbertson, "These young men were very coachable, and they played well together. Their individual strengths complemented one another." The Thoroughbreds were so much better than the competition this year that the team rarely had to worry about the opposition in the second half. "There were fourteen on the team and most games they all got in the game before the half. This was definitely the best group of players South Aiken has ever had." This fact must have been encouraging to the players and coaches, since the bulk of this team will be Varsity players in two or three years.

The team, in addition to having an extremely successful season, accomplished the main function of a junior varsity squad: they sharpened their skills and developed their abilities and assured themselves of long careers as high school basketball players. The Junior Varsity team went on to an undefeated 13-0 season.

Craig Heath has played basketball since the age of seven. He has played six years in the church league and four years in school. Craig enjoys playing forward. "I like any position because they all present challenges." On his outlook of the team he said, "The team is composed of fourteen players, all of which are very talented, and the team is looking forward to a successful season under the guidance of Coach Rusty Culbertson."



Rodney Johnson jumps into the air as he attempts to make a jump shot.

Shooting for success, **Shawn Patterson** attempts a shot.

Struggling, **Craig Heath** tries to gain control of the ball.

Front row: Rodney Johnson, Shawn Jackson, Terry Lewis, Warren Timmerman, Shane McCormack, Tracy Tyler, Shawn Patterson. Back row: Coach Culbertson, Alton Aaron, Henry Stogner, Craig Heath, Shawn Hevel, Shawn Wheeler, Mike Davis, Wade Collins.

THE NET EFFECT

The soccer team equalled a school record by reaching the school round of the state 3-A play-offs, finishing 7-5-1. The season was filled with ups and downs, but there was never a dull moment.

The team opened up with two shutout wins against Evans and Midland Valley and a blowout of O.W. The lone blemish on their record was a disappointing scoreless tie with arch-rival Aiken High. However, two days later, the previously perfect defense ran up against North Augusta and came away with its first loss. After a mediocre win over Orangeburg-Wilkinson, the Thoroughbreds lost a heart-breaker to Aquinas in triple overtime. Next, the team went down in two tough losses, one of them a bitter overtime struggle against Aiken. Finally, on April 21, the team needed a win against 4-A rival Lexington to make the play-offs. After a long defensive battle, the offense pulled out a 2-1 victory. A short celebration followed, and then Coach Larry Nelson began to prepare his players for the state 3-A play-offs.

The first scheduled post-season game, in Columbia, was rained out. The following day the team returned to defeat Columbia High 4-3 in a shoot out. Less than twenty-four hours later, the Thoroughbreds travelled to Charleston to face 3-A powerhouse Bishop England. Unfortunately, the visiting team was defeated by the Bishops and the season was over.

Coach Nelson commented on the play-off loss, "I'm not ashamed that we lost. I think that they were the better team and they deserve a lot of credit. But our boys did a good job throughout the season." The schedule certainly played a part in their success this year. "We played two of the best teams in the state, North Augusta and Bishop England. It was probably the tough schedule that helped us in our wins against Lexington and Evans and in the play-offs," observed Nelson, who has a 12-10-1 career as soccer coach. "I worked these young men hard, but I think they'll agree, that in the long run it was worth it."

— Greg Evans

"Soccer. Well let's see. I like soccer because it's fun and every game is challenging," said Britt Whitley.

Britt started playing soccer when he was in the sixth grade, but gave it up after he suffered an injury. When Britt reached high school he made the decision to start playing again and lettered his sophomore, junior, and senior years on the team. Along with his school involvement, he also plays in the recreational and classic leagues during other parts of the year.

"I am satisfied with last year's season. We should have won some of the games we didn't, but we did have a pretty good year."

Pre-Game practice is as important as the game itself. **Greg Evans** kicks the ball around at H. Odell Weeks Center before an afternoon game.

After keeping Aiken High from scoring a goal, **Britt Whitley** punts the ball down field.

"I can't use my hands! Coach said I can't use my hands!" **Bill Mitrik** thinks to himself as he prepares to kick the ball.

Stealing the ball from his opponent, **Joe Cramer** takes it down field.

Warren Geiger blasts his ball out of a sandtrap and back into play.

David Davis watches idly as his ball roles over the green and into the hole.

Tommy Richardson looks after the ball while practicing at Palmetto Golf Club.

Golf team: **Todd Biers, David Davis, Brian Bibb, Brent Woodward, Tommy Richardson, Warren Geiger, Austin Fox, Coach Holland.**

IN THE SWING OF THINGS

Last season was a year of firsts for Coach Holland's golf team. They not only defeated Aiken High for the first time, but also went on to capture the conference and state AAA championships.

Led by senior Brent Woodward, one of the top-ranked golfers in the state, the team had good reason to be optimistic about the year ahead. The first big event of the season was the Southern Cross Tournament. After four tough days of competition, the hard-driving team rallied to place fifth overall in the tournament. This encouraging performance was merely a preview of things to come. The win over Aiken virtually assured the team of a Conference 5-AAA championship, the first in the school's short history.

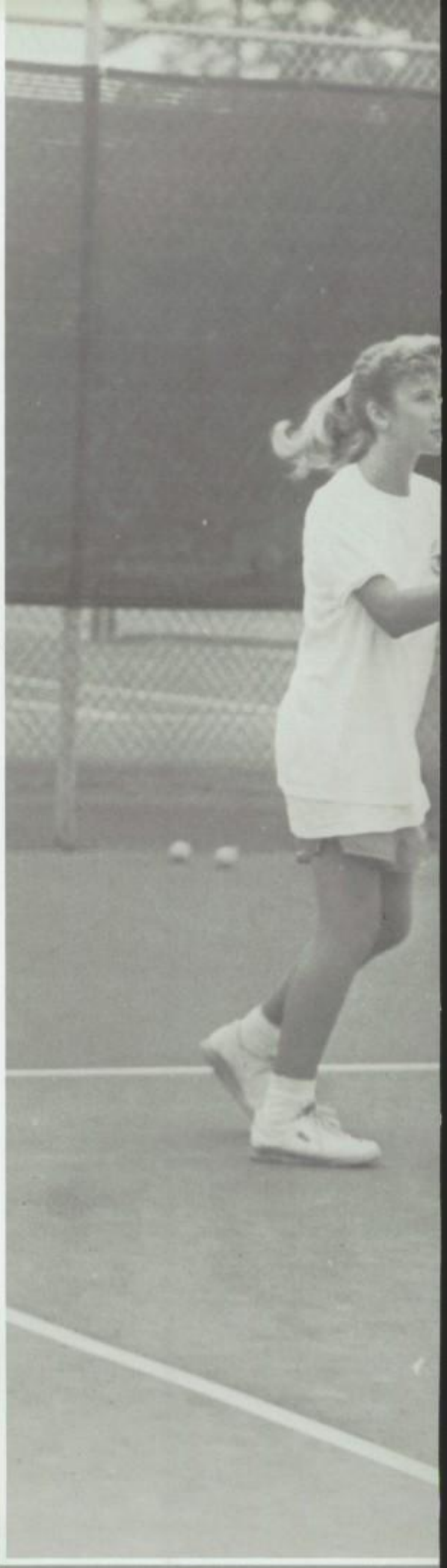
These accomplishments earned the Thoroughbreds an automatic berth in the state 3-A play-offs held in Myrtle Beach. Again, Woodward's valuable leadership, strongly supported by great play from his fellow team members, carried the golfers to a tournament win. The prestigious title was also a first for the golf team.

Returning this year to defend the championship are Warren Geiger, Austin Fox, Tommy Richardson, Bobby Porter, Todd Biers, David Davis, and Travis McCormack. Coach Holland expects the team to challenge for the title again. He and his team know, however, that it will not be easy following up on a year of firsts.

"I like to play golf because every time I play it's different and challenging." Golf is a sport that Warren Geiger is very good at. Warren started playing for the Thoroughbreds as a freshman and has lettered every year.

Warren helped the team to a 14-5 season and was a real asset at the state competition.

SWINGING INTO ACTION



The girls' tennis team had a spectacular season, ending with an overall record of 12-4 and runner-up in the Region Five AAA conference. Their only regular season losses included those to Aiken High and Spring Valley. Their outstanding performances resulted from a deep sense of eagerness to excel and a close companionship with one another.

This companionship can best be described as a "close knit family." One of the many examples includes the team's trip to Belton, South Carolina to participate in the First Annual Tennis Hall of Fame Classic. Besides the fact that their accommodations resembled the hideous "Bates Motel" and that they couldn't accept their sweatshirts during the tournament because the organizers didn't ask permission from the head of the Scholastic Sports League in Columbia, South Carolina, the team had a BLAST!

Junk food galore, plenty of tunes, and an enormous amount of laughter were always on the sidelines of their intense matches. Coach Pat Marchand successfully fulfilled both the roles of "Coach" and "Big Sister" to her team. During the regular season her enthusiasm and leadership, combined with the exuberance of the team, provided for an awesome season for the Lady Thoroughbreds.

Christy Faustmann, the school's phenomenal young tennis player, has been a crucial part of the team for the past three years. Last year she won the state singles crown and was one half of the championship doubles combination as well. Although winning is important, Christy mostly enjoys her relationship with her coach and the other girls. "Tennis means traveling and gaining experience to prepare me for my future and it allows me to meet new people." Christy certainly has big plans for the future. She wants to get a college tennis scholarship and eventually turn pro.

Freshman, **Merideth Holloman** intensely watches the ball fall into her opponent's court.

Without practice, a game will not be won. **Maribeth Fallaw** knows this fact as she is shown returning a ball after a long day of practice.

"It's all in the wrist," says **Pat Summer** as she returns her opponent's serve.

Tennis team: Front row: **Andrea Stein, Kim Hay, Maribeth Fallaw, Pat Summer.** Back row: **Mary Johnson, Meredith Holloman, Jenny Ingle, Lisa Hickey, Christy Faustmann, Pat Marchand** (coach)

STOP THE RACKET!

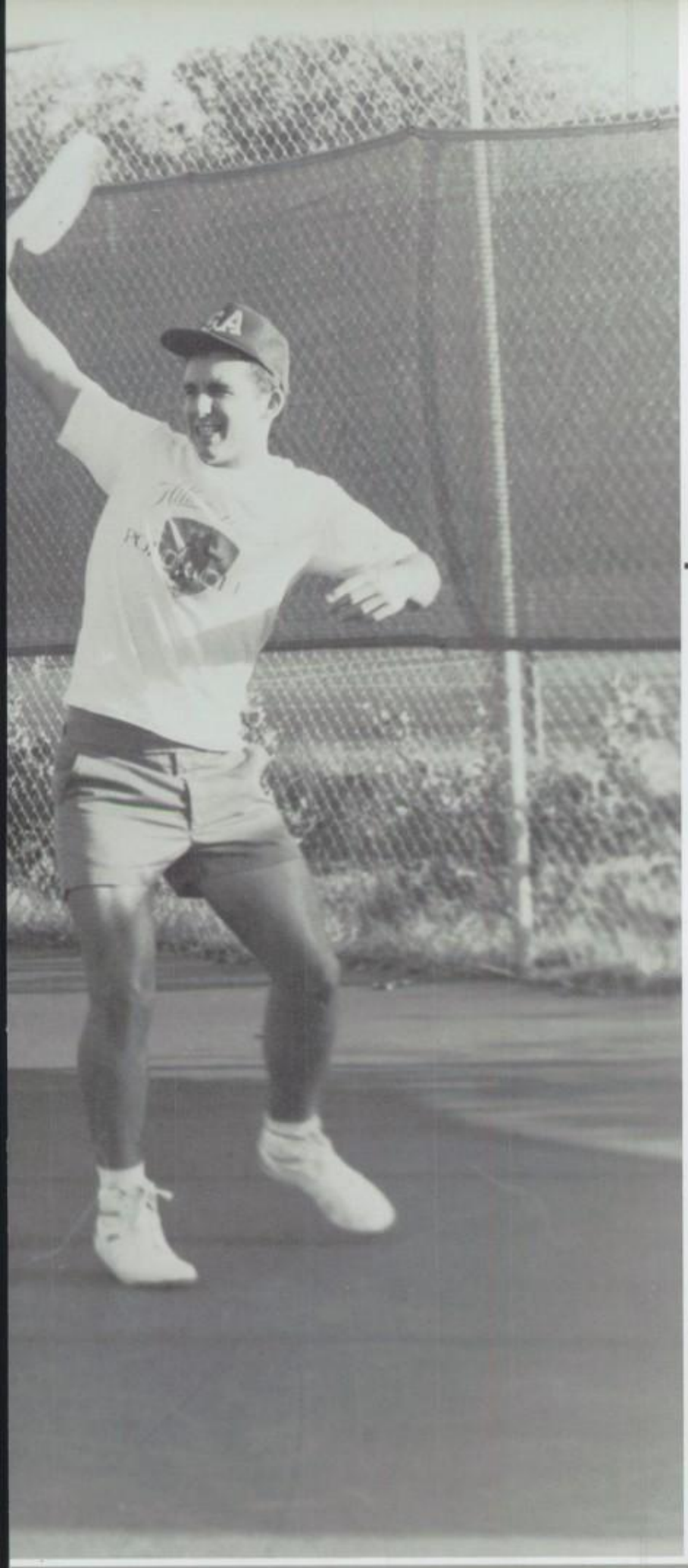
The Thoroughbred boys' tennis team capped its season with a Conference 5-AAA championship and a berth in the state play-offs. In addition, the doubles combination of Jeff Bailey and John Tiffany captured the conference crown and participated in the play-offs. Although they didn't get as much exposure as many other spring sports, the tennis team showed that they can be counted on to be the best they can be.

Coach Pat Marchand was a key element in the Thoroughbreds' success. She pushed and encouraged her team to the limit, but her hard work paid off in the accomplishments of the team. With top singles players like Nathan Allen, Marc Chostner, and Tim Coakley, and gifted doubles competitors like Tiffany, Bailey, Geoff Penland, Mike Waltz, and Graham Hamilton, Coach Marchand had the luxury of allowing her team to develop individually. It worked, because the Thoroughbreds were undefeated in conference play. This perfect record assured the team of a play-off berth as well as the conference championship.

Despite the loss of their top doubles team, next year's boys tennis team has much to look forward to. Their goal: the conference and state championships. Certainly no one would argue with the fact that they have what it takes to be Thoroughbreds. These guys are truly "Bred To Be Different."

"Tennis is a very challenging sport," said Marc Chostner. "Every time I play it's different."

Marc has been playing on the tennis team for four years. Last season the Thoroughbreds were undefeated in the conference and went to the play-offs. Marc said, "We had a great season even though we were eliminated in the play-offs. I had a great time."



Pleased with himself, **Marc Chostner** watches his powerful hit fly past his opponent.

"That ball is not getting past me!" thinks **Mike Waltz** as he prepares to slam the ball with a powerful backhand swing.

"Ah! Much better!" Junior, **Geoff Penland** finds other uses for his tennis racket as he reaches those hard to get itchy spots on his back.

Nathan Allen prepares to return the ball with a smash.

BREAKING THE PACE

One word can be used to describe the 1986-87 girls' track season — determination. Lydia Hopkins, the mentor of these athletes, coached the team for her final season and prepared the team for a grand finale.

Indeed, the team breezed through local meets held at North Augusta and Silver Bluff High Schools and looked forward to the challenge of the Conference Meet held in Columbia. Here the girls clinched the Conference 5-AAA title over long time rival A. C. Flora by dominating the running events. They were led by senior Shannon Wyont and juniors Ashley Hydrick and Chris MacMurdo. Wyont placed first in the mile, two mile, and participated on the mile relay team. Chris MacMurdo placed first in the one mile and high jump and second in the mile and also participated on the winning mile relay team. Ashley Hydrick placed first in the 300 hurdles and participated on the mile relay team.

The members of the team who placed third or better at conference moved on to the Lower State meet held in Beaufort. Encountering a humid, blistering day, the team found competition even stiffer than the air as only four girls qualified for the State competitions.

Held at the University of South Carolina's Weems-Baskin track, the State meet attracted the best talent from all over the Palmetto state. Showing their true spirit, the girls bolted from the starting gate and never looked back. Shannon Wyont won the mile in 5:14 and the two mile in 12:49. Ashley Hydrick slid over the 300m hurdles in a blazing third place time of 47.2. Also Chris MacMurdo became the 800 meter champion for the fourth year in a time of 2:21 and placed second in the one mile. The combined efforts of Missy Gregory, Ashley Hydrick, Shannon Wyont, and Chris MacMurdo in the mile relay were able to push the track team into an overall second place finish in the state.

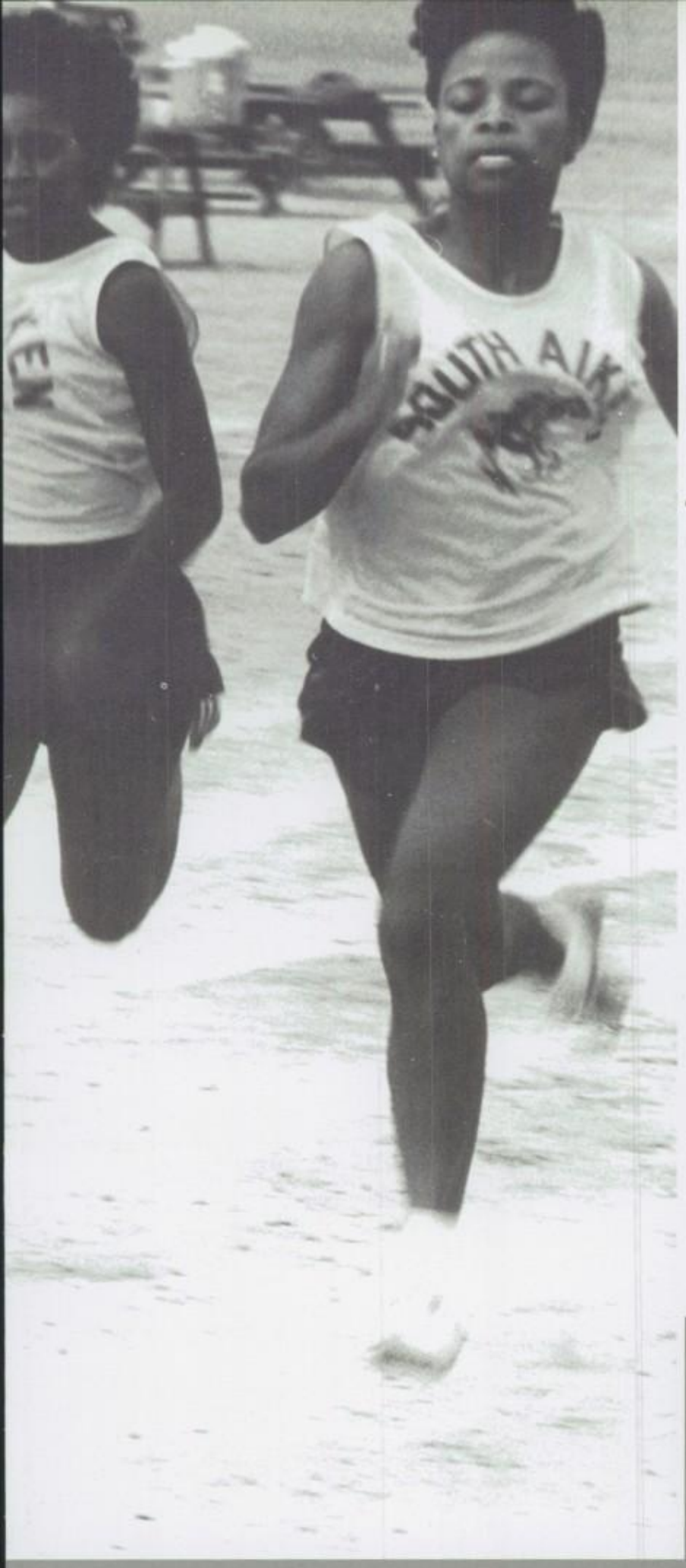
"I'm elated," said Coach Hopkins. "For four girls to go to the state championship and get runner-up was outstanding. The adrenaline was really pumping. Other teams numbered up to twenty members."

For the whole team it was only icing on the cake to a wonderful season. Although the team had no track to practice on, they showed true grit by representing the school and living up to their will to win.

— Chris MacMurdo

Ashley Hydrick has run track since her freshman year in high school and has earned a varsity letter each season.

"Running is something that I have always liked to do and it comes very easy for me. Last year we won the conference and I think if we had a few more people we could have won state." Her opinion of last year's season was one shared by many.



Lisa Hammonds and **Pam Morgan** shift into high gear as they race for the finish.

Making it look easy, **Ashley Hydrick** gracefully clears the hurdles.

Chris MacMurdo sweats it out as she moves smoothly toward the finish line.

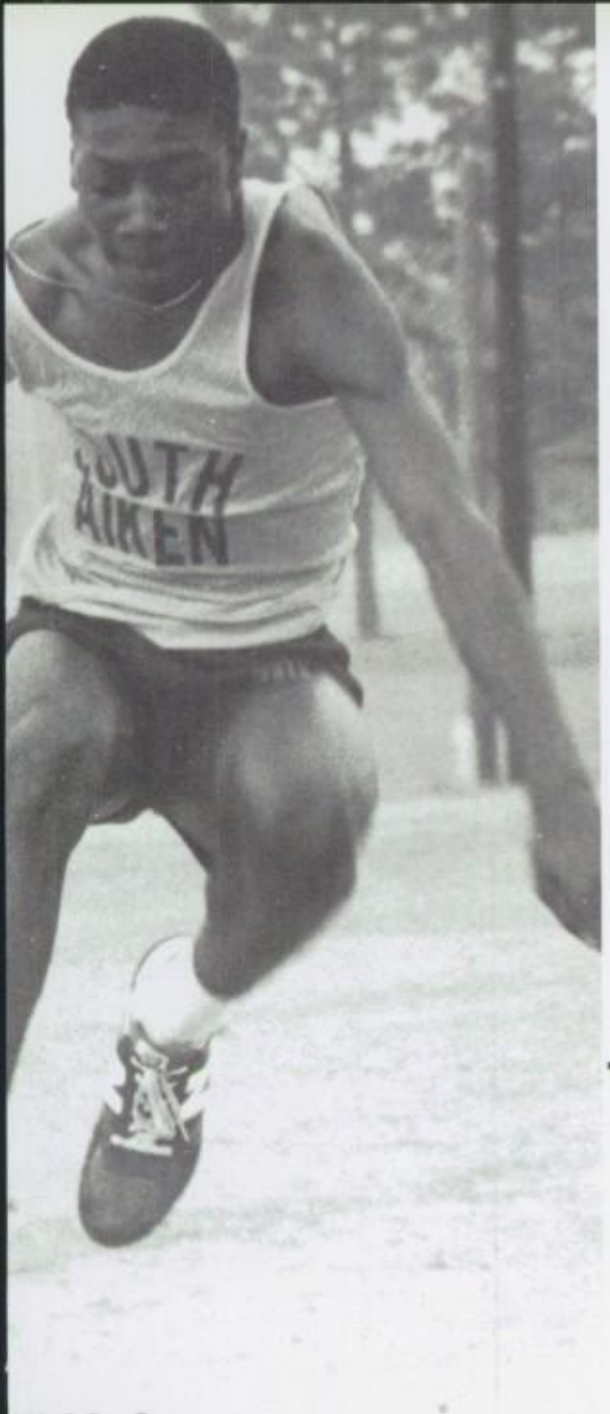
First Row: **Veronica Stallworth, Joy Godbee, Lisa Hickey, Lisa Hammond, Jennifer Beasley, Mary Johnson.** Second Row: **Stacey Pierce, Jennifer Glover, Chris MacMurdo, Ashley Hydrick.** Last Row: **Tania Gregory, Kenya Wimberly, Shannon Wyont, Coach Lydia Hopkins, Pam Morgan, Missy Gregory, Kati Murphy.**

Steve Abney leaps over the last hurdle in the 100 m high hurdles.

Coming in for a landing, Senior **Bryant Caveness** completes the broad jump in a spring track meet against Aiken High.

Preparing for his next throw, **Ross Green** concentrates on gaining distance.

Pulling ahead, **Tyrone Staley** puts in a last effort to take the lead in the 100m dash.



KEEPING THE PACE

Boys' track is a sport that doesn't really receive the credit or recognition that it deserves. The team spends long, hard hours lifting weights, running, and pushing their bodies to the limit. Track requires participants to be in excellent physical condition not only during the season, but all year long. "If you let yourself get out of shape, it takes twice as long to get your body back to its potential," says Bryant Caveness.

All this hard work seemed to pay off. The team went to Lower State and did quite well. Senior Lee Cheeks placed sixth in the 100 meter run and Bryant Caveness placed fifth in the two mile run. As a sophomore, Ross Green, too, advanced to the state track meet by placing second in the shot-put competition. The time spent preparing for this meet was greatly rewarded by the boys' success.

Track not only requires dedication and self-sacrifice, but it requires putting all of one's heart into it. All this work paid off though. It gave the team a lot of wins and supplied them with many wonderful memories.

Track is no different from any other sport as they too consider the rival of the year to be Aiken. But Bryant Caveness, senior, remembered his "making it to lower state and placing sixth" to be the most rewarding experience. He has run the past three years bringing many awards to South Aiken with his 2 mile, 800 meter, and mile relay. Bryant will surely be missed not only for his contributions for the athletics but also for his great ability to bring smiles to faces.

COVERING ALL THE BASES

"Oh, come on, Coach Palmer. Don't make us practice in the rain," begged the team as they dragged him to the gym for indoor practice.

Practice — the key to a winning team. From the cold, windy days of February to the hot, muggy days of May, the team practiced endless hours finishing their regular season with a 13-5 record. They defeated every team at least once except Columbia High, one of the toughest teams the players faced.

Sporting new uniforms this season, the girls travelled to Charleston for the state play-offs. They were eliminated in the first round, losing to Stall and Dreher High Schools. "We were very proud to make it to the play-offs and were sorry not to have made it further. I'm looking forward to returning next year and getting a better chance at winning the state championship," said Laura Coakley.

One of the biggest thrills of the season was shutting out Aiken High 17-0 and again 19-0 later the season. Freshman catcher Tabitha Butler threw nine outs to senior shortstop Stacy Phillips, who tagged runners trying to steal second base. Freshman Jenny Ingle commented, "Beating Aiken High was a big deal. It was so exciting to be a part of a winning team. I can't wait until next year."

Despite the loss of six seniors, the outlook is still bright for the team.

"Led by the return of All-State players Tabitha Butler and Laura Coakley, the 1988 season should be a success," predicts first-year coach Russell Palmer.

Catcher Tabitha Butler was voted Most Valuable Player and was named All-Conference and All-State. Stacy Phillips was voted Best Defensive Player and was also named to the All-Conference team as shortstop. Laura Coakley was the All-Conference designated hitter. Rebecca Gainey and Sonya Holston, both seniors, were selected to play in the North-South All-Star Game.

Veteran pitcher Amanda Towell said, "After being a part of this team four years, I've watched it grow stronger and stronger. I'll always be proud to have been a Lady Thoroughbred and am looking forward to cheering the team to the state championship next year."

— Angie Mathis

Tabitha Butler, a very versatile and talented softball player, played many positions including catcher and shortstop last year. Her talent blossomed in the eighth and ninth grades when she was named All-Conference, All-State and Team Most Valuable Player. Tabitha feels that the team played well last year, but she recognizes that there is room for improvement. "I'm sure that we'll be much better this year."

Watching to see where she hit the ball, **Laura Coakley** runs toward first base.

In the outfield, **Jenny Ingle** waits to make sure a hit doesn't get past her.

Rhonda Mozone waits patiently as the next player steps up to bat.

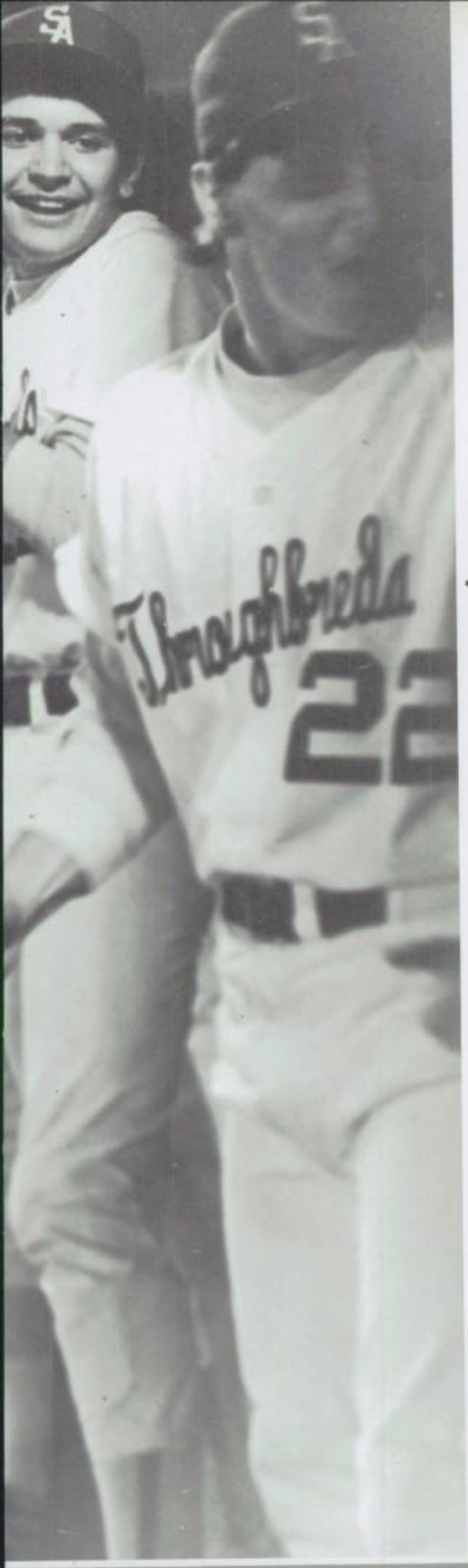
Keeping her eye on the field, **Sharon Carson** watches closely as her teammate hits another single.

Greg Parsons joins the teammates in celebrating the Thoroughbreds' victory over Aiken.

Russ Messick thoughtfully observes his team's performance on the field.

The look on catcher **Brad Holmes'** face shows the spirit displayed by every member of the team.

Front Row: **Greg Parsons, Baylor Strawhorn, Brandon Coker, Brad Kauffman, Kim Hortman, Robbie Crisp, Lee Young, Robbie Yarborough, Russ Messick.** Back Row: **Brad Holmes, Alan Hay, Kevin Lynn, Pat Henson, Ryan Brown, John Barker, Erik McCarthy, Jamie Johnson, Chuck Watts, Coach Mike Hicks.**



"I GOT IT!"

The Thoroughbreds looked forward to the baseball season with a glimmer of a state championship in their eyes. New uniforms and a new baseball field had instilled pride in the team. No longer were they just a baseball team, they were a baseball team in the tradition of a great school.

Anchored by four talented seniors, Scotty Mills, Pat Henson, Brandon Coker, and Chuck Watts, and complemented by a group of hard-working juniors, they posted an overall record of 14 wins, 9 losses, and 1 tie. Although the Thoroughbreds struggled against non-conference opponents, they dominated conference play sweeping Strom Thurmond, A. C. Flora, Keenan, C. A. Johnson, and Columbia. They beat Dreher in their first meeting of the season and tied them in the second game. This tie eventually cost them the conference championship. After losing to arch-rival Aiken early in the season, the Thoroughbreds were determined to spoil Aiken's perfect record in their second encounter. Backed by a two hit, six strike-out performance by Pat Henson and a two run triple by Brad Holmes, South Aiken defeated Aiken 2-1.

The Thoroughbred baseball team finished second in the conference with a 12-1-1 conference record and advanced into post-season play. Losing a heart-breaker to Stall High School in the opening game of the state play-offs, the determined Thoroughbreds rebounded to defeat Myrtle Beach. However, the state championship became only a dream as the team lost again to Stall and was eliminated.

It was a season that can be remembered with pride. In commenting about the season, Coach Mike Hicks said, "The baseball team, with the leadership of our seniors, set a standard for South Aiken baseball. The team set high goals and accomplished most of them." The coach continued, "The hard work and dedication took this team to a 12-1-1 conference record and to the second round of the lower state play-offs. We now know what it takes to have a sound program and we plan to be the best we can in the years to come."

— Ryan Brown

"I have always liked to play baseball," said Alan Hay. "When I was little and didn't even know what baseball was all about, my dad used to pitch the ball to me and I would whack at it," remembered Alan.

Alan has played in the minor league, major league, pony league, America Legion League, as well as for USC-A. Each of the three years that Alan has played for the school he has received a varsity letter and plans to do the same this year.

"Last season I had a good year and our team was pretty good, but I think next year is going to be my year!" said Alan.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR SPIRIT!

"Come on girls, let's do it again. We have to practice hard if we want that spirit stick, work, work, work."

These shouts could have been heard at South Aiken June 27, the day cheerleaders left for camp.

But wait — cheering in June? School's over, it should be time to relax. What's this about work? Cheerleaders work? You bet they do! Even in the summer the squad reviews old cheers and practices the new ones they learn at camp. "Yes, we work hard," said Keri Scott. "Cheerleading is becoming more of a sport instead of just fun and games."

This was not an easy year for the girls. It took a lot of energy to get the students to "catch the spirit." But with their constant enthusiasm and some hot new routines like "Tricky," performed at the Aiken vs. South Aiken pep rally, the squad soon got the crowds "rockin'!" "Trying to get the crowd to join in was a tough job, we had to say some of the cheers five or more times," said Leslie Lockhart.

"Many people think it's easy to get out there and smile and jump and remember things they've recited hundreds of times, but it isn't. Imagine getting out in front of 1200 people and performing not so easy stunts when all there is to stop a fall is a grass field or a gym floor." After awhile you get used to the risk and you don't worry about falling," stated Jennifer Ramsey.

Through the hard work there are times to have fun. A cake fight was one of the highlights of camp and the games were really a lot of fun. The girls know how to work together in order to get their job done.

Barbie Smith has been a cheerleader for four years. She was the co-captain her eleventh grade year and captain her tenth and twelfth grade years. Barbie has gone to cheerleading camp for the past four summers. The squad brought back the coveted spirit stick three years in a row and were among the top four squads at camp her junior year. This year they traveled to Columbia to compete in the Eastern Cheerleading Association Regionals which they won. This gave them the chance to compete at the Nationals on March 17-19 in Virginia. Barbie enjoys cheering because it gives her the chance to meet new friends and have lots of good times.

Catching the spirit at the Homecoming game, **Stephanie Holloman** cheers on the team.

With lots of spirit and enthusiasm, **Keri Scott** spreads her feelings.

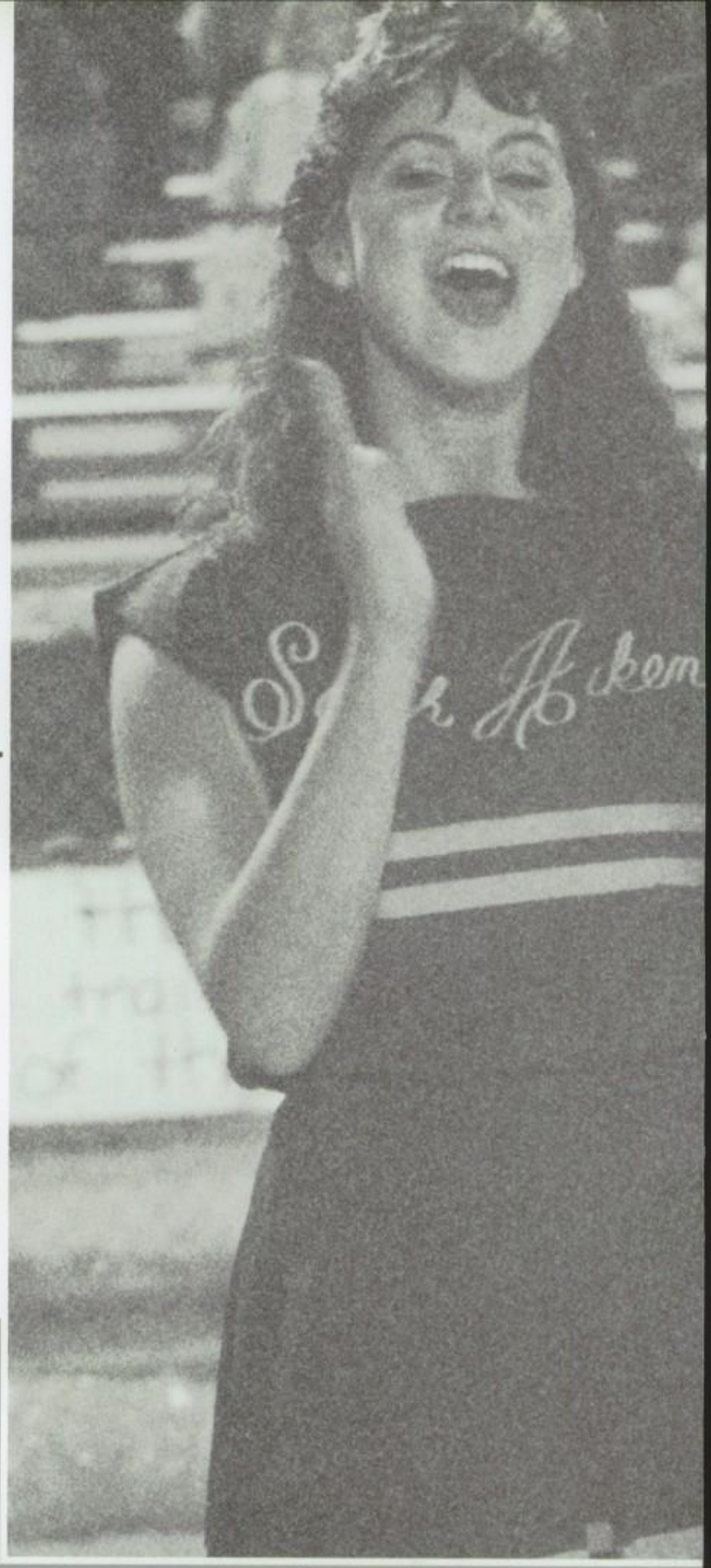
Entertaining the crowd at a basketball game, **Dawn Schwalbert** jams during a time out.

L-R: **Leslie Lockhart, Angela Ramey, Dawn Schwalbert, Misty Braun, Stephanie Holloman, Stephanie Lloyd, Barbie Smith, Jennifer Wakefield, Kim Lawless, Keri Scott, Jennifer Ramsey.**

Donna Darr puts her heart into pepping up the football team with a cheer.

Junior varsity cheerleader **Cassandra Hart** gleams with Thoroughbred pride.

Poised for perfection, **Kim Hamrick** cheers during the Homecoming game.



J.V. Cheerleaders — Front row: **Ashley Beaumont.** Second row: **Ziggy Poplin, Amy Hargett, Cassandra Hart, Donna Darr, Kim Hamrick, Dana Schwalbert.** Third row: **Kim Hartford, Heather Braun, Sathelier Myers.**

FLIP SIDE

At 3:15 on April 27, 1987, 75 girls entered the locker room and dressed out in shorts, T-Shirts, and tennis shoes. Sounds of laughter and excitement drifted into the gym as the girls prepared for the first day of cheerleading try-outs. Two hectic and busy weeks later on May 8, the same girls entered the locker room, yet the atmosphere was different. Nervousness and anxiety filled the air and one room was hushed. One by one the girls walked into the gym, going over and over the routines in their heads. By 5:00 their fates rested on the judges' clipboards and each left the school knowing there was nothing else they could do, but wishing it could be done again.

Twenty-four hours later, the ten junior-varsity cheerleaders and twelve varsity cheerleaders had been chosen. These girls began immediately to work together on new routines for camp.

The varsity cheerleaders may be in the spotlight more often, but the junior varsity team puts in just as much time and effort. Practices start immediately after the tryouts and continue throughout football and basketball season. The pressure on the ninth and tenth grade squad increases during football season because the team has games on school nights.

Being a cheerleader is not all fun and games, it also requires time, a lot of hard work, and money. The cheerleaders have to pay for the camp they attend in the summer and for their uniforms. Along with the varsity squad, the junior varsity cheerleaders worked at the Therm-O-Disc company picnic to raise money. They also sold tea at lunch and sponsored a cheerleading clinic for area elementary and middle school students this past summer.

Practice makes perfect. That's certainly true about Amy Hargett, a sophomore cheerleader. Amy was introduced to cheerleading at the age of three. Amy has been active in the cheerleading program in both junior high and high school. Amy thinks the best part of being on the squad is "feeling that you have been worthwhile in supporting the school's athletic teams." Although she really enjoys cheering and plans to continue throughout high school, she says that she probably won't cheer in college.

After Hours

Students Extend Learning Past The Classroom

Student activities now go beyond the classroom and into the after school hours. Students have a wide range of clubs suited for their own special talents and each week they find new and exciting ways to express themselves. After the law was passed that discontinued club activities during the day, students took it upon themselves to form clubs after school. This initiative proved once again that the Thoroughbreds are "Bred To Be Different!"

Proud of her first quarter achievements, **Jenny Ingle** rushes to the sidelines during the Powder Puff game.

Puzzled, **Marc Ramdeen** consults his teammates during an Academic Team Meet at Aiken High School.

Imitating a California Raisin, **Cindy Bell** "plays" the saxophone during the Lip-Sync contest held by **Hoofbeats** and S.A.D.D.

Smart Alecks

Just as a physical athlete prepares his body for a competition, the scholastic athlete prepares his mind. The Academic Team practices regularly after school to perfect the winning edge that can mean the difference between a win or a loss. "How many heads high is the average human?" "What is the capital of Zambia?" These are typical questions Kathy Brown, the team sponsor, hurls at the team. Marc Ramdeen, captain of the academic team, feels that this year's team has done well. His team is 7 and 1 at mid-season and leads the league.

Another scholastic club, the Science Club, competes five times during the year in South Carolina Junior Academy of Science competitions. At the fall workshop, Bryan Raynor, Gayle Ramdeen, and Shawn Harris took second place in the Science Challenge Bowl. Mrs. Rosalyn Barton, club sponsor, quizzes the team regularly to prepare them for the Challenge Bowl and event competitions such as Name That Organism.

Many of the members of both the Academic Team and Science Club are also members of the National Honor Society. National Honor Society is a service club under the leadership of Heather Anderson, president, and Ms. Charlotte Gibbs, sponsor. National Honor Society has been involved in community service projects such as the Heart Fund Drive and Salvation Army Christmas Fund Drive. They also started a new school service, the change line.

Academic Team — 1st Row: Craig Gilden, Tania Gregory, Brandon Brooks. 2nd Row: Jeremy Austin, Gayle Ramdeen, James Lee, Soren McMillan. 3rd Row: Matt Plodinec, Marc Ramdeen, Stephanie Tabor, Stephen Ortaldo.

Beta Club — 1st Row: Benita Blocker, Cassandr Vinson, Stephanie Brown, Tiffany Bryan Charleen Raiford. 2nd Row: Cheryl Burris, Lesl High, Jennifer Lanham, Terry Langford, Eri Landy. 3rd Row: James Lee, Gayle Ramdee Stephanie Lloyd, Nick Walker, Jessica Prieste Marcia Gaddy, Kim Brooks.

Forming different chemical solutions, **Marcia Gaddy** tries to find an answer to her lab problem.

Kim Stewart and **Heather Anderson** raise money by giving people change at lunch for National Honor Society.

Scott Turner works carefully on his chemistry experiment for the annual Science Fair.

Calliope — 1st Row: Melissa Thorne, Angie Mathis, Jennifer Borden, Mrs. Pamela Faustmann. 2nd Row: Kati Whyte, Greg Evans, LuAnn Davis, Ashley Jones, Debi Leinhart. 3rd Row: Beth Pritchard, Dan Randall, Kristyn Arnold, Ben Ebel, Mike Waltz.

Deca 2 — 1st Row: Anthony Davis, Tara Wildy, Penny Bivens, Missy Siegler. 2nd Row: Dana Steadman, Marcia Gaddy, Michelle Kemp, Jennifer Wakefield. 3rd Row: Cedric Smith, Britt Whitley, Johnny Day, Todd Thomas, Todd Chavous.

Deca 1 — 1st Row: Cathy Hagelston, Monica Patton, Janice Brown, Melissia Savage. 2nd Row: Kim Ridenour, Carla Turner, Michelle Reed, Donna Peace. Third Row: Lutricia Moment, Stephen Phillips, Beth Whittle. Fourth Row: William Post, Michael Lewis, Alicia Byars, Cindy Johnson.

Hand's On Experience

Students are on the move planning for the future. Two of the clubs that help promote this self-assertiveness are Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Future Homemakers of America (FHA). These clubs give interested students a chance to get a head start in life.

FBLA is a club open to all students enrolled in one or more business courses. By learning business skills FBLA members get the feel of what it is like in the fast-paced business world of today. Mrs. Martin, the FBLA advisor, says that the specific goals of FBLA are to develop competent aggressive business leadership; strengthen the confidence of students in themselves and their work; develop character; prepare for useful citizenship; and assist in establishment of occupational goals. With these characteristics the members of FBLA are more than adequately prepared to enter the business world.

Members of Future Homemakers of America (FHA) are also preparing themselves for the future. They learn the skills necessary for good home economics.

The advisors of FHA, Ms. Ernestine Roberts and Mrs. Angie Flannagan, teach members these skills, which include child development and family relationship, clothing, textiles, family economics and home management; food and nutrition; and housing and household equipment. These skills keep the basis of every family running in an efficient manner. FHA members can also utilize these skills in business and educational fields, home economics.

With FBLA and FHA, students learn skills that will be useful for a lifetime.

Kashi Booker serves cake after the ring ceremony.

Deca 1 — First Row: Heidi Gunther, Shannon Lott, Jessica Betts, Yolanda Johnson, Traci Erickson. Second Row: Andrew McCrosson, Henry Settles, Heidi Dohm, Geoff Penland, Chris McGee. Third Row: Gregory Krueger, Jeff Best, Donnie Blair, Martina Weaver. Fourth Row: David Dixon, Nathan McDaniel, Wayne Mills, Tommy Walker.

FBLA — First Row: Tonya Smith, Marcia Gaddy, Beth Gantt. Second Row: Showanda Dunbar, Kim Chase, Julie Hill, Debi Leinhart. Third Row: Doug Townsend, Mark Chostner.

Extra time on the typewriter helps **Jenny Hamilton** improve her skills.

Shelly Allman and **Ashley Jones** get hands-on experience with computers.

Stephanie Brown and **Bridgett Johnson** serve punch after the ring ceremony.

FBLA — First Row: Connie Baggott, Stephanie Cofer, Mrs. Martin. Second Row: Angela Hensley, Sodeya Frazier, Elizabeth Thomason, Paige Price. Third Row: Torika Bradberry, Joe Holdren, Shelly Harden, Mike Gregory.

FHA — First Row: LaJoyce Frazier, Monica Wheeler, Katina Patterson. Second Row: Darren Nicholson, Marcia Gaddy. Third Row: Stephen Brown, John Upson, Maurice Washington.

Stan Buckalew smiles as he makes his first sale of the T-shirts sold by Model UN.

Sabrina Yarborough looks downfield for an open space to run during the Powder Puff football game sponsored by Key Club and Model UN.

FSA — First row: Gena Horsford, Jennifer Borden, Constance Baggott, Mrs. Schlesser. Second row: Angela Hensley, Tonya Smith, Jessica Priester, Beth Gantt. Third row: Julie Hill, Marcia Gaddy, Melanie McGee.

Key Club — First row: Hope Spruell, Tania Gregory, Shelly Allman, Darlene Maynard. Second row: Richelle Tolton, Regina Thomas, Melanie Brown, Barbara Gassman. Third row: Brian Cawley, Sheila Burris, Stephanie Tabor.

Key Club — First row: Leslie High, Marcia Gaddy, Erica Landy, Heike Heath, Tara Wildy, Terry Langford, Mrs. Nashatker. Second row: Lynn Tolliver, Showanda Dunbar, Jennifer Sauls, Cheryl Burris, Vernon Wright, Sharon Cribbs, Bryant Caveness. Third row: Patrice Oakman, Paula Wicker, Nina Ooft, Kim Brooks, Beth Pritchard, Unda Brown, Angela Ramey.

Helping Hands

Of the many clubs at school three of them stand out the most for encouraging self confidence and leadership. These important qualities are gained through membership in Key Club, Model United Nations, and Beta Club.

Key Club is very active in the community. The members give a party for the retarded children at Pine Crest School. They also help with the Special Olympics, and ring bells for the Salvation Army at Christmas. Students who participate in the Key Club are outgoing, caring, and willing to share their time. Erica Landy said, "Being involved in Key Club gives you the chance to understand and help people."

Being a Beta Club member also requires a lot of time as they fulfill their motto, "Let us lead by serving others." They carry out their moto through services such as visiting the nursing homes, and the job jar. The job jar is a jar in the teachers' lounge. When teachers need things done, such as bulletin boards, they fill out a card and put it in the jar; then a Beta Club member will do the job.

Model UN requires the most leadership. The members of MUN practice being representatives of different nations. They debate current issues on the sides of different countries in the form of the UN conventions. At the end of the school year MUN members go to Winthrop for a big convention with all the schools in South Carolina.

All three of the clubs must have fund raisers to support their various activities. The clubs got together with the Ski Club and hung bags full of coupons on the doors of houses in town. Model UN and Key Club hold the annual Powder Puff football game.

These clubs are all a big part of school life as well as life in the community.

Concentrating hard, **Stephanie Tabor** attempts to blow up a balloon for locker decorations during homecoming.

loofbeats — First row: Cathy Winn, Jennifer orden, Stacy Burgess, Marie Herd, Chris Bickel. econd row: Tonya Smith, Paige Price, Trisha race, Aimee Smith, Julie Farrow, Stephanie rown. Third row: Stephen Phillips, Caren laguire, Kristyn Arnold, Gayle Ramdeen, Jason ichardson.

Math Team — First row: Richelle Tolton, John Kelley, Robert Wiley. Second row: Debbie Bagwell, Shawn Harris, Gayle Ramdeen, Andy Couch. Third row: James Lee, Donald Corey, Brian Raynor, Ryan Brown.

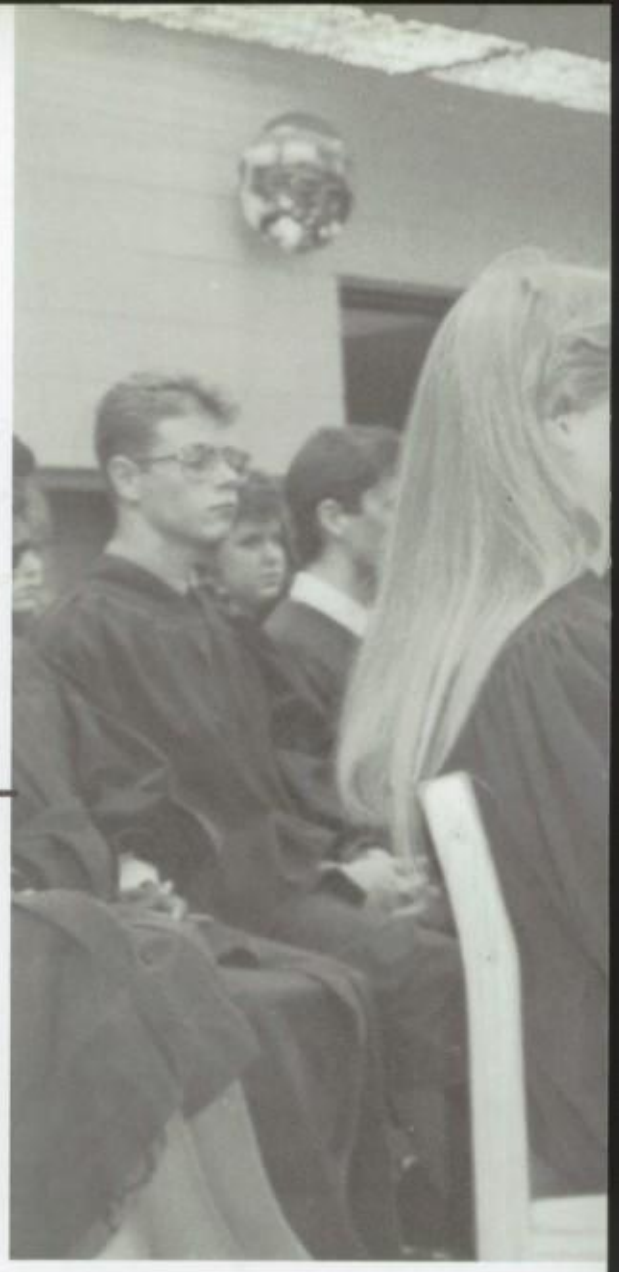
Making It Count

Math skills are becoming more and more useful every day in our society. There are two organizations at our school where students can sharpen their abilities through membership. These organizations are Mu Alpha Theta and the Math Team.

Mu Alpha Theta is a national math honor society consisting only of students who have made a minimum grade of B the past two semesters in their math course. The club is the school's largest academic organization, proof that excellence in math is becoming more commonplace. But perhaps the most important function of Mu Alpha Theta is its tutoring program. Students who need assistance in math can get it after school from a club member. The program is one of the most successful in the school.

The Thoroughbred Math Team is also a very successful club. An impressive county ranking at the end of the semester was followed by a sixth place finish at Winthrop College, where fifty-two teams competed. At the Augusta College Math Competition, both the "A" and "B" teams finished in the Final Four.

Mu Alpha Theta and the Math Team give our school something to be proud of through their services and accomplishments. Their existence is essential for the advancement of our academic program.

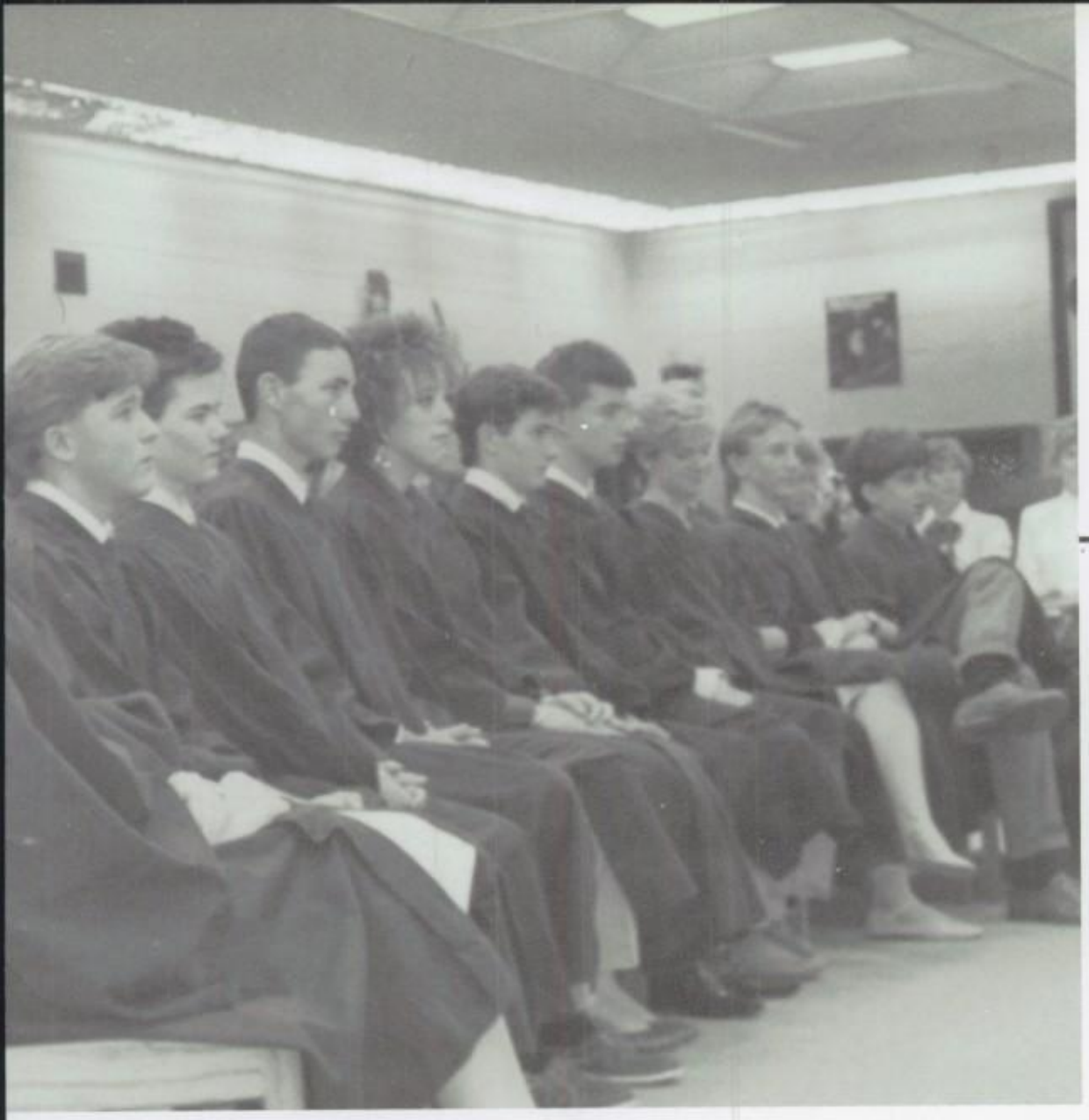


Working on math concepts for the upcoming competitions, **James Lee, Gayle Ramdeen, Stephen Ortaldo, John Kelley,** and **Robert Wiley** quiz each other thoroughly.

Math Team — First Row: Danny Clayton, Karen Francis, Aimee Smith, Sadie Price. Second Row: Heather Anderson, Mike Santomauro, Craig Gilden, Marc Ramdeen, Chris MacMurdo. Third Row: Matt Plodinec, Jeremy Austin, Stephen Ortaldo, Ashley Dawsey.

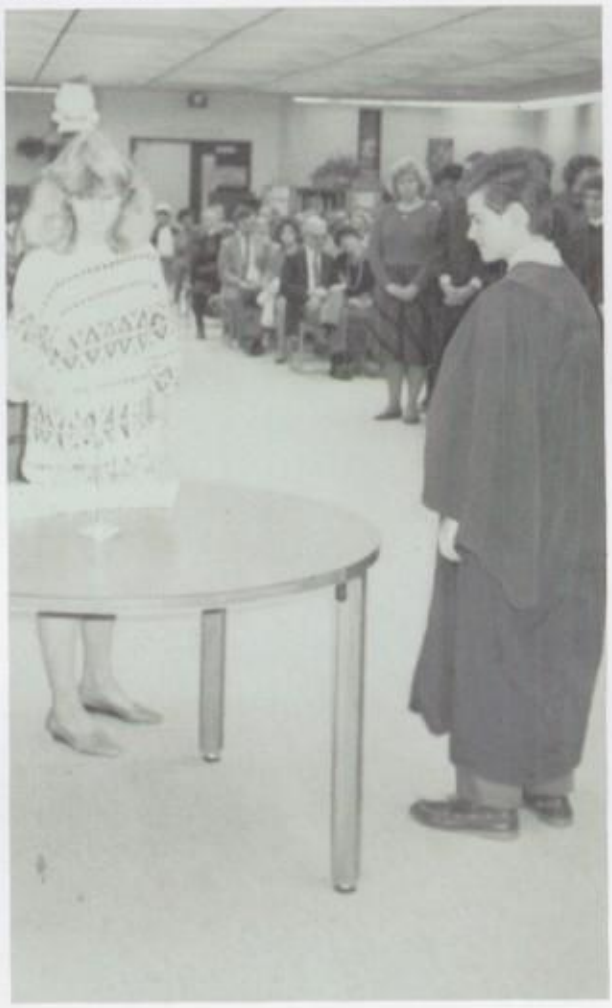
Model UN — First Row: Amy Hunter, Lisa Dickey, Melissa Thorne, Tania Gregory, Pete Tiffany. Second Row: Beth Pritchard, Erica Landy, Melanie Brown, Kelly Whitson, Robbie Bradford. Third Row: Dan Randall, Stephanie Tabor, Ben Ebel, Stan Buckalew, Lisa Gentry.

Mu Alpha Theta — First Row: Kim Walker, Susan Shook, Tania Gregory, Lisa Dickey, Stephanie Jernigan. Second Row: Audrey Ranson, Amy Hunter, Rob Evans, Ashley Dawsey, Scott Turner. Third Row: Scott Best, Jennifer Lanham, Emily Schumacher, Alison Rankin, Heike Heath.



Juniors wait patiently to be inducted into Mu Alpha Theta.

Tonya Gregory, a veteran of Mu Alpha Theta, lights a candle for a new member, **Chris Bickle.**



Presiding over a Mu Alpha Theta meeting, **President Craig Gilden** looks to Ms. Gloria Allen for advice.

Mu Alpha Theta — First Row: Donna Landreth, John Kelley, Eric Gearman, Beth Bailey, Tabatha Gregory. Second Row: Marcus Dicks, Christi Zentgraf, Christy Tinnes, Lori Apperson, Todd Woodward. Third Row: Kimberlee Gibson, Shawn Harris, Debbie Bagwell, Anna Beasley, Mandy Massingill, Wendy Haynes.

Mu Alpha Theta — First Row: Kim Hortman, Kati Murphy, Jonathon Gordon, David Brady, Barbara Gassman. Second Row: Marcia Gaddy, Brad Kelly, Mark Chostner, Robert Hale, Matt O'Brian. Third Row: Matt Plodinec, Steve Parsons, Kevin Lynn, Gayle Ramdeen, James Lee, Troy Mackey.

Road to Success

Students during this school year were given the opportunity to learn more about the careers they would pursue after graduation. Two groups that the students found useful for this were DECA and the newly-formed Teacher Cadet course.

Students involved in the Distributive Education Clubs of America learned business during the year, Mrs. Dechau, their sponsor and teacher, taught about different aspects of marketing. As part of DECA, the students were given the opportunity to help run the student store. In addition, this year's DECA club won eleven out of fourteen state Marketing Comprehensive Tests while in competition with all the schools in the fourth district.

The Teacher Cadet course was offered to juniors and seniors who met certain criteria. Students spent a semester studying different aspects of the teaching profession. The course was taught cooperatively by Mrs. Faustmann and Dr. Jim Kaufmann, a professor at USC-A. As part of the course, students traveled to other schools to observe different qualities of teachers. They ended the course with a luncheon attended by all of Aiken County's Teacher Cadets and a state-wide conference held in Columbia. The cadets earned three university semester hours for the course. Besides the credit hours for university course Education-110, students gained an insight into the teaching profession as a possible career.

Working in the school store during lunch, **Michelle Kemp** hands a candy bar to a customer.

Mu Alpha Theta — First row: Karen Francis, Andy Couch, Aimee Smith. Second row: Ron Cox, Craig Gilden, Danny Claton. Third row: Mike Santomauro, Marc Ramdeen, Tommy Kidd.

Mu Alpha Theta — First row: Joy Godbee, John Jackson, Benita Blocker, Chris Bickel, Marie Head. Second row: Beth Pritchard, Sadie Price, Mike Santomauro, Craig Gilden, Kelly Whitson, Kim Lawless. Third row: Tommy Walker, Chris Mutschler, Chris Macmurdo, Heather Anderson, Greg Evans.

National Honor Society — First row: Kim Hortman, Christy Tinnes, Kati Murphy, Kim Rogers, Ron Cox. Second row: Jonathon Gordon, Marcus Dicks, Benita Blocker, Amy Hunter, Tabatha Gregory. Third row: Ryan Brown, Marc Ramdeen, Soren McMillan, Troy Mackie, Gayle Ramdeen.

Beth Pritchard, Audrey Ranson, Lea Peals, Greg Evans, and **Chris Mutschler** concentrate on their diagram drawings in Teacher Cadet.

Missy Seigler and **Jennifer Wakefield** sell Kudos at lunch.

National Honor Society — First Row: Audrey Ranson, Susan Shook, Andy Couch, Tania Gregory, Karen Francis. Second Row: Chris Mutschler, Beth Pritchard, Brad Kelly, Craig Gilden, Debbie Bagwell. Third Row: Matt Plodinec, Mike Santomauro, Heather Anderson, Chris MacMurdo, Wendy Haynes.

SADD — First Row: Angie Mathis, Alison Nandrasy, Kelly Whitson, Beth Rogers, Cindy Bell, Taffey Snader. Second Row: Peter Randall, Stephanie Jernigan, Shelley Allman, Jamie Mills, Karen Francis, Shelly Hardin. Third Row: Ron Cox, Jenika Jewell, Joseph Francis, Angel Snader, Beverly Schumpert, Mike Gregory, Matt O'Brian.

Forfeited Fridays

"SADD members are reminded of their meeting this afternoon in room 225. Also, all Ski Club members interested in going on the next trip must meet in the auditorium directly after school. Enjoy your weekend."

The final bell on Friday causes a mad dash for the student parking lot as the weekend begins; except for eighty or more students. These people belong to SADD or Ski Club and often stay after school planning their upcoming activities.

SADD plays a strong role in the life of the student body, promoting the message of "drunk driving kills." An increased awareness of the dangers of driving drunk has been sparked due to several conferences and workshops held to encourage safe driving. "Membership is open to all students who want to affirm their beliefs about not drinking and driving," according to Ms. Sue Hayes, the SADD advisor. Events sponsored by SADD this year included a Mr. Legs contest as well as a lip sync contest, cosponsored by Hoofbeats. Why do students join SADD? Executive board member Alison Nandresy joined SADD to "... make people aware that they can have fun without drinking and driving."

During its second year, Ski Club has attracted many members as well. Approximately eighty students had the chance to go skiing twice this year through Ski Club. The first trip was to Snowshoe, West Virginia, while the second was to Boone, North Carolina. Various fundraisers, including a concession stand after school, helped defer the costs of the trips. Tabore Rector stated, "The trip to Snowshoe was an exciting and thrilling adventure." First time skier Chris McCluskey had only one comment, "It was brilliant!"

By forfeiting fifteen to thirty minutes on Fridays, members of SADD and Ski Club have many exciting memories of the year. Whether it is the memory of making that special night even better by not driving drunk, or the thrill of vooming down the slopes, students have proved through their membership that they are "Bred to be Different."

Russ Bodie adds the "D" to S.A.D.D., the South Aiken chapter for students against drunk driving.

Science Club — First Row: Dan Randall, Bryant Caveness, Kati Murphy, John Kelley, Nick Walker, Shawn Harris. Second Row: Brian Raynor, Sadie Price, Tania Gregory, Karen Francis, Michael Gregory. Third Row: Matt Plodinec, Donald Corey, Chris MacMurdo, Mrs. Rosalyn Barton, Heather Anderson, Chris Mutschler, Gayle Ramdeen.

School Officers — First Row: John Mitrik, Amy Hargett. Second Row: Christy Tinnes, Kim Hortman.

Steven Dibona pauses for the camera during the ski trip.

Jamie Mills helps by putting up posters during "Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week."

Ski Club — First Row: Melissa Thorne, Tracie Turner, Alison Cabbage, Jennifer Sheff, Mrs. Nashatker. Second row: John Mitrik, Andy Walton, Joe Walker, Mr. Stulb. Third row: Ryan Brown, Robbie Yarborough, Dan Randall, Robbie Bradford.

Ski Club — First row: Lynn Randall, Kim Hamrick, Dana Schwalbert, Tamara Wise, Holly Dohm. Second row: Courtney Coleman, Christy Faustmann, Amy Hargett, Jennifer Dorman. Third row: Alison Rankin, Emily Schumacher, Steven DiBona, Melissa Martindale, Lias Burke.

Ski Club — First row: Laura Babineau, Aimee Smith, Brad Brodie, Robert Wiley, Ash Miller, Graham Hamilton. Second row: Ali Burch, Jeremy Austin, Jan Larsen, Kelly Whitson, Chris McCluskey, Mike Waltz. Third row: Ben Ebel, Kristyn Arnold, Donna Schlegal, Debi Leinhart, Mitch Clark, Todd Hill, Jason Willis.

Displaying his Thoroughbred spirit, **Mickey Mouse** purchases spirit links during Spirit week, October 12-16.

Junior **Steven Bell** bears his souvenirs of Homecoming Week; left-over spirit links from the pep rally.

Ski Club — First Row: Cintia Herrera, Jenny Hamilton, Michelle Tussey, Jennifer Ramsey, Stephanie Cofer, Jennifer Rosenberg. Second Row: Ashley Dawsey, Meredith Holloman, Danny Gaskin, Rob Evans, Paxson Jeancake, Nathan Allen. Third Row: James Lee, Russ Bodie, Tabore Rector, Craig Heath, Stephanie Holloman, Todd Griffin, Jonathon Waters, Billy Hines.

Freshmen — First Row: Stephanie Cardosi, Joy Apperson, Michelle Hooker. Second Row: Brian Sides, Will Aiken.

Sophomores — First Row: Lisa Dickey, Christ Faustmann. Second Row: Stephanie Jernigan, Melanie Brown.

Free Counciling

"O. K. guys," yelled the president from the podium, "we have to have 3000 spirit links stapled before the pep rally, and that's just two class periods away!"

Spirit links, carnations, the Blood Drive ... these are just a few of the Student Council's many activities. "One of our main objectives this year was to improve communication between the council and the teachers," stated advisor Kathy Carlyle. So, Student Council officers were busy over the summer and on inservice days tempting the teachers with doughnuts and ice-cream sundaes.

The Student Council helped out the community, too. "The Blood Drive was quite an accomplishment," smiled the Chairwoman Stacey Pierce, "we gave enough blood to help over 200 patients." Another project was the Great American Smoke-Out. "That was mainly aimed at the teachers," Secretary Amy Hargett said. "We displayed posters, gave out buttons, and stocked the teacher's lounge with bubblegum." The Salvation Army Christmas food drive was also successful. "My first period donated over 100 cans, and we only had seven people!" bragged representative Donald Corey.

Finally, the Student Council promoted spirit. Spirit links were a big project. The winning senior class purchased over 1000 links. The council also sponsored dances after several home football and basketball games and of course, the fun and untraditional MORP. "Carnations were another tough job," remembered 2nd Vice President John Mitrik, "We spent one entire weekend cutting out over 750 paper hearts, and then we had to be at school at 7:00 a.m. to sort all the flowers!" With all those projects and all the time it takes, is Student Council really worth it? "Yes!" exclaimed President Christy Tinnes, "If you don't mind giving up your lunch to sell spirit links, missing games to set up dances, and getting up early on your days off to meet with teachers and administrators, it's definitely great!"

"Ouch!" screams student council representative **Elizabeth Thomason** as the nurse plunges a needle into her arm.

Juniors — First Row: Alice Branton, Kati Murphy, Ryan Brown. Second Row: Kim Lawless, Amanda McGee.

Seniors — First Row: Heather Anderson, Misty Braun, Bryant Caveness. Second Row: Chris MacMurdo, Mike Santamauro.

Paige Price, Ashley Hydrick, Alison Nandrasy, Marci Sauls, and **Julie Baker** in a group hug after winning the lip-sync contest. The group lip-synced "There's The Girl" by Heart.

Emily Schumacker, during a work weekend, crops pictures.

Student Council — First Row: Amy Hunter, Joe Cramer, Andy Perkins, Brad Dorn, Ryan Robinson, Marcus Dicks. Second Row: Donna Schlegel, Tania Gregory, Holly Dohm, Maureen Sheehan, Kelley Ward, Jeff Osborne, Michael Bryant. Third Row: Ora Trowell, Rob Caudle, Callie Jones, Erika Watson.

Student Council — First Row: Stacey Pierce, Keri Rollins, Paxson Jeancake, Melissa Bradley, Angie Mathis. Second Row: Anita Williams, Beth Gantt, Shelly Alman, Kim Hay, Paige Price, Lea Peals. Third Row: Beth Pritchard, Stephanie Holloman, Donald Corey, Bill Mitrik, Mysti Robbins.

Teacher Cadet — First Row: Marci Sauls, Alison Nandrasy, Jennifer Borden, Marie Herd Chris Bickel, Jim Vanderloop. Second Row: Gre Evans, Lea Peals, Audrey Ranson, Cheryl Burris Angie Mathis, Kate Whyte, Ashley Jones. Thir Row: Beth Pritchard, Dan Randall, Barbara Gass man, Kristyn Arnold, Barbie Smith, Julie Hil Ross Green.

Special Edition

Our school's student publications are all recognized as outstanding performers by local, state, and even national student press associations. *Calliope,* the literary magazine, *Hoofbeats,* the school newspaper, and *Winner's Circle,* the yearbook, do an excellent job of representing our school and making known the creative talents and hard work of the staffs.

Calliope serves as a school-sponsored outlet for the creative and artistic energies of the student body. The magazine has received All-Region and All-State awards from the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association (SCSPA) the past four years. Pam Faustman and her editors, Kristin Arnold, Greg Evans, Melissa Thorne, and Dan Randall, strive to make it the best literary magazine possible.

Chris Bickle reviews **Hoofbeats** before distribution.

Hoofbeats performs the vital function of investigating and reporting on school events as they happen. The hard-working staff produces five issues per year and the journalistic flair and quality of *Hoofbeats* is recognized across the state. Faculty advisor Em Ligon, along with editors Gayle Ramdeen and Stacy Burgess, should certainly be commended for the professionalism of their publication.

Winner's Circle has the distinction of being the publication which will be remembered most by students in their later life. An outstanding staff, led by Beth Pritchard, Cathy Winn, and faculty sponsor Sharon Bayles, has led the *Winner's Circle* to Honors and All-State awards in recent years. One's high school yearbook is perhaps the most cherished keepsake of those years, and our yearbook lives up to that expectation.

All three of these publications make our students proud to be a part of the traditions, truly, they were "Bred To Be Different."

Winner's Circle — First Row: Taffy Snader, Joy Godbee, Elizabeth McKay. Second Row: Emily Schumacher, Stephanie Jernigan, Brenda Kincaid. Third Row: Cathy Winn, Alison Rankin, Nick Walker, Aimee Smith.

Winner's Circle — First Row: Laura Babineau, Christi Zengraf, Lindy Steadman, Melissa Thorne. Second Row: Greg Evans, Beth Pritchard, Andrea Stein, Lea Peals. Third Row: Kati Whyte, Lisa Claxton, Lionel Chitty.

Head over heels **Elliott Strickland** shows his talent on Barnwell Ave. doing a "street plant." Skate boarding is fast becoming a popular hobby.

Campaigning on the corner of Whiskey Rd. and Pine Log, **Rebecca Joslin** and **Tracy Erikson** gain those important government hours on November 3, the final day of voting.

Soloist **Clint Matthews** entertains the crowd at Aiken's Makin'. This annual fall event gives many students a chance to display their varied talents.

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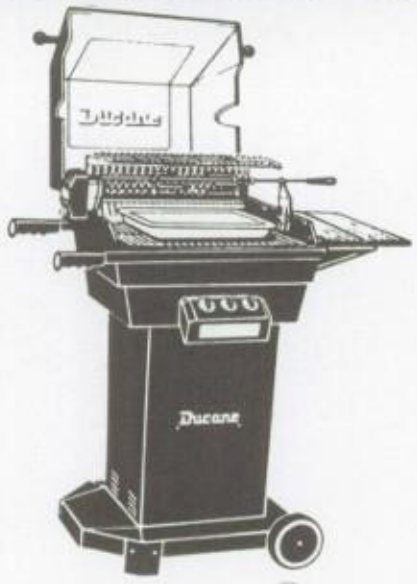

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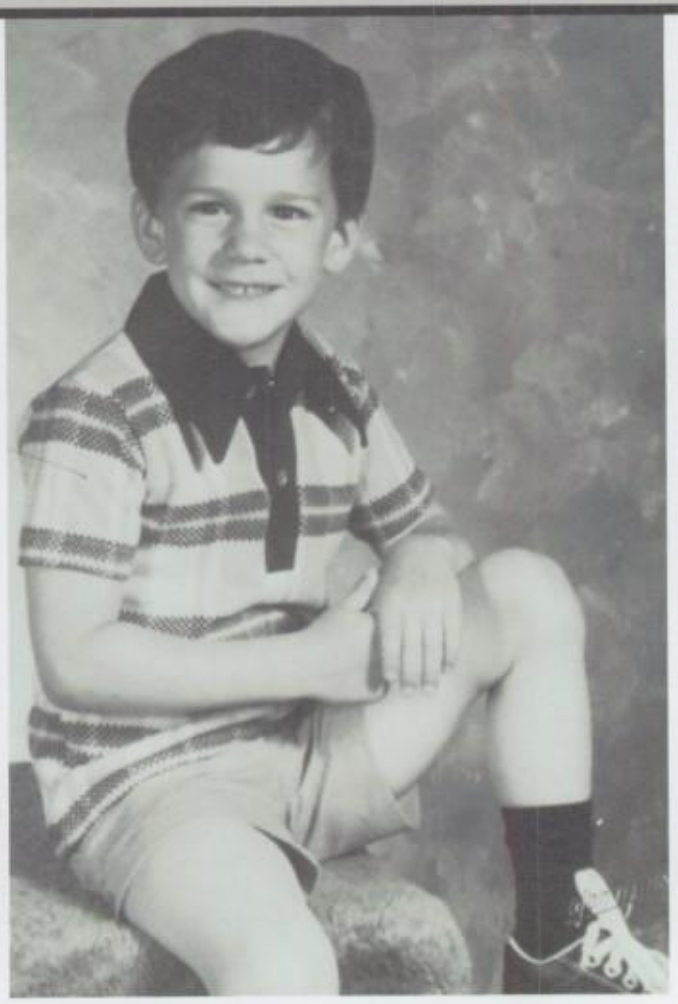

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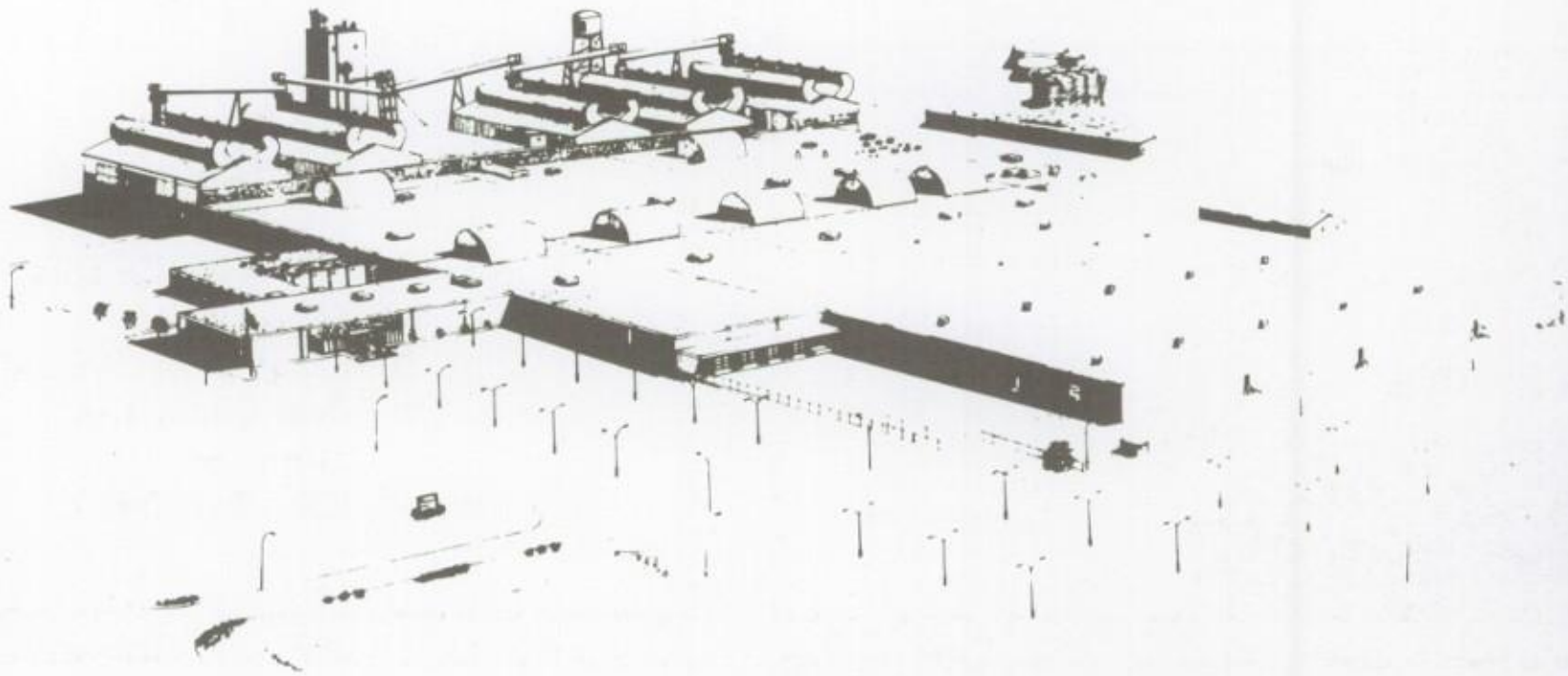

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Donald,
"Life is for Living!" — Keep up the good work. We are so very proud of you.
Love,
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We love you,
Mom and Dad

Tim,
As I sit and look at this picture, I remember all the fights we have shared. When we were younger, I tried to get you into trouble, but now it seems I am always trying to keep you out. I'm sorry for all the trouble I may have caused you for the past years. Before you leave, I want you to know that I love you!
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Dare to think big,
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Remember no matter
How futile things seem,
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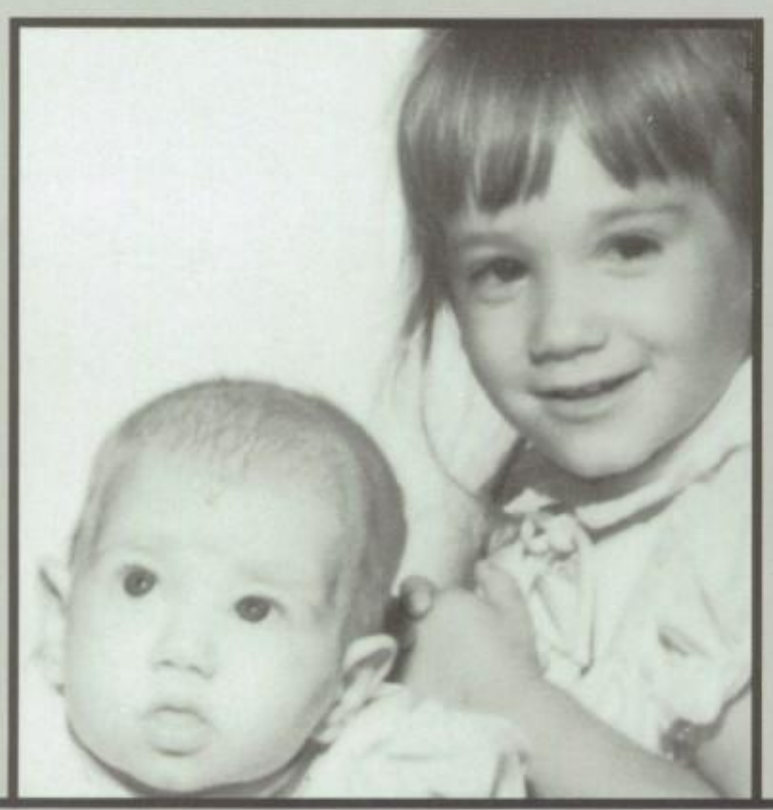
Also, the pictures bring to mind your first steps which started you down the road to independence, a road that was too long for you but now seems all too short for us.

We love you, Maureen; go out there and shake up the world!

All our love,
Mom and Dad



Princess, Now that you're grown and going out into the world we want you to know that you're still loved a lot. We wish you a long life full of wonderful experiences and the strength to help you through the rough times.
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Congratulations! Mother and Dad

Congratulations Missy. We are very proud of you.

Love,
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All our love and support —
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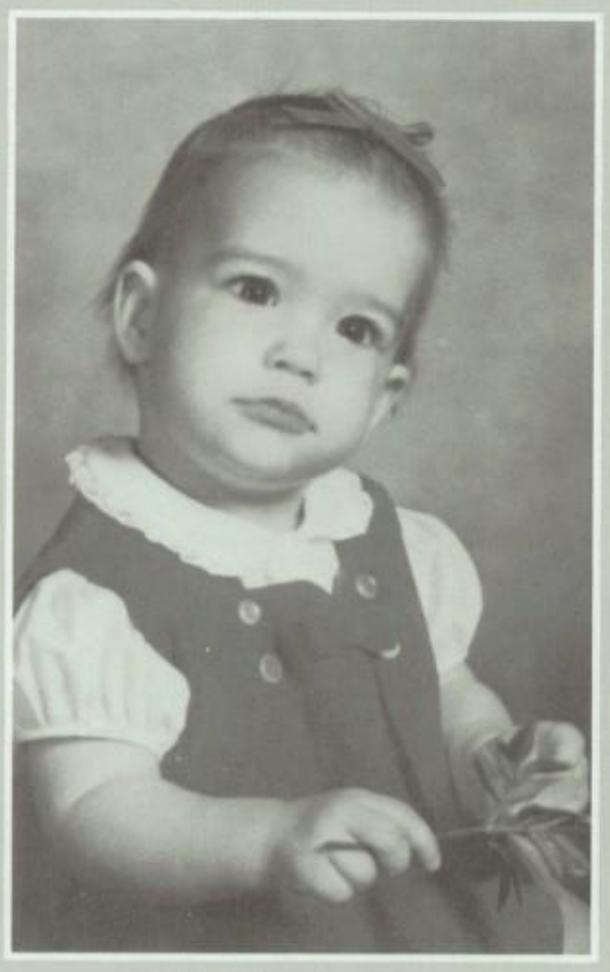

Tanya Rene',
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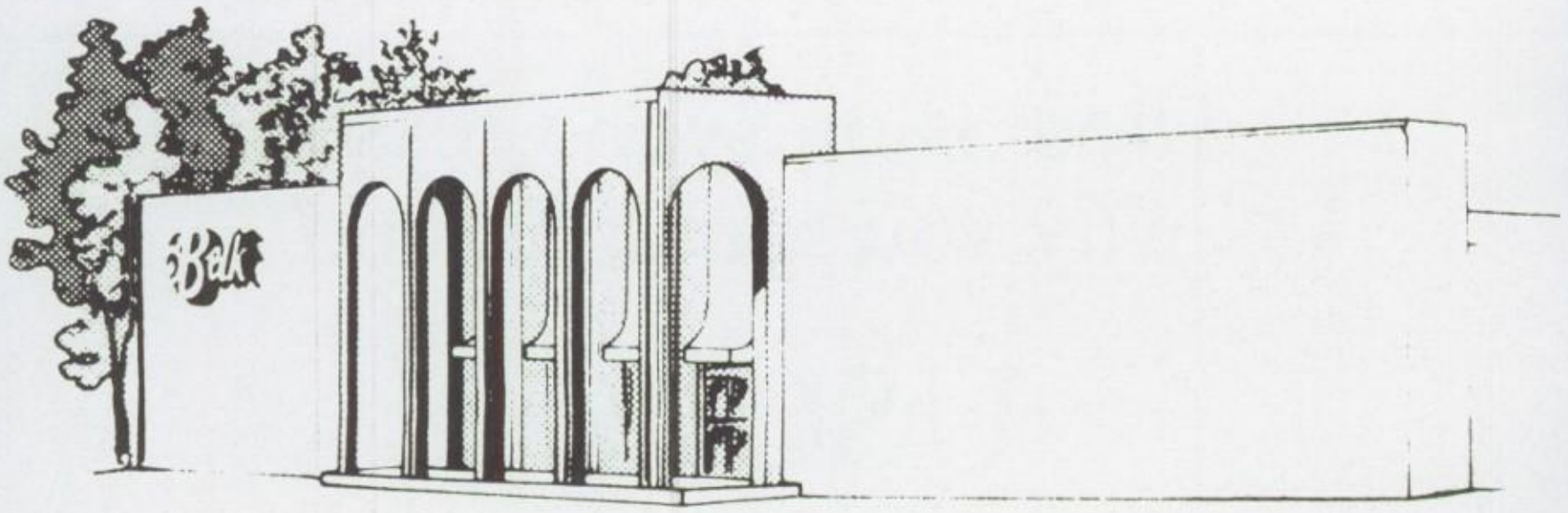
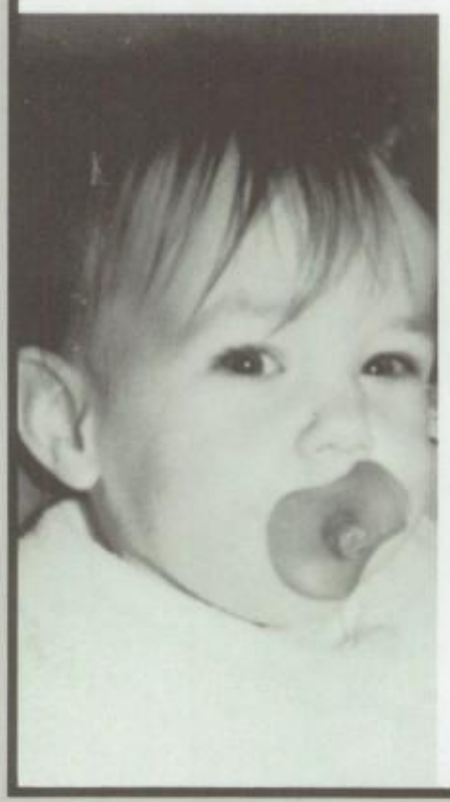


Lionel — It has been a joy and pleasure watching you grow into the young man that you are. During the following years I hope that others will recognize and share your many treasures as I have and always will — Watch the Lion roar.

Love, Mom

Congratulations Ashley! May you achieve all your dreams.
Love you,
Your family



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I love you, Momma

Cheryl,

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David,
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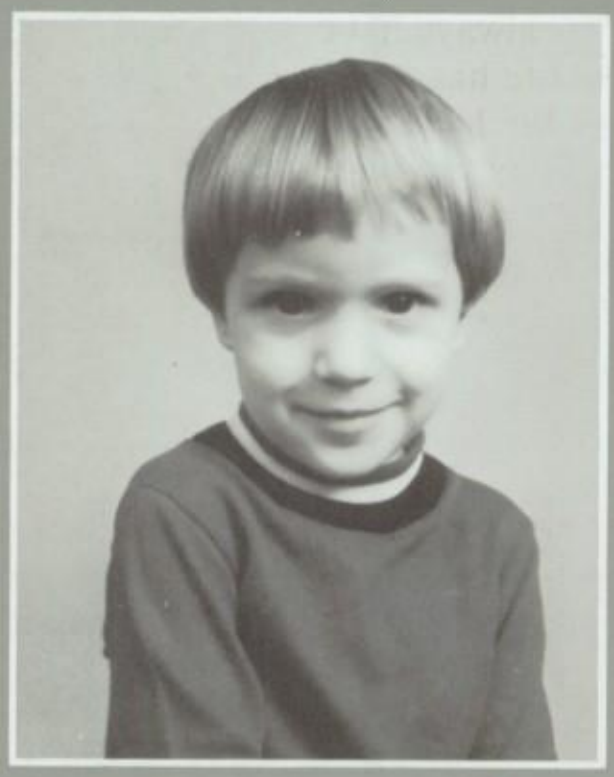

Chris:
Time's way of slipping by
Makes us heave a great big sigh;
Though it eases from our grasp
We've precious memories that will last.
May God bless and keep you ever in His care.

Mama, Daddy, and Allison

Daniel, My Son,

We are here at the place that we have prayed, cried, rejoiced over for twelve years. Daniel, as a child you were always set in your ways. You were a happy child, tender, kind and loving. You loved your sister and cherished each moment Bubba was your only brother. You looked up to him, you loved him, and you shared special moments of pain, and sorrow, but great love always. You managed to show only God gives this kind of love.

Daniel, now that you have given me such joy and pride I pray God will lead you to grow even more in the years to come. Daniel, my Baby, yes, you are. I just want to say that we are very proud of you.

Thank you Son!!

May you always have the best life has to offer — We love you and are very proud of you.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Donnie, and Wendy

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Love,
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Tara,

Congratulations on completing twelve years of school. It seems only yesterday you were just a baby and now you're graduating from High School. We are proud of you and love you very much.

Love, Mom, Dad, Granma, & Chase

Life has been
a "Beach"
together.
Love ya,
Kym

We are proud
of you. We
wish you lots of
love and pray
that the future
will be happy
for you.
Mom, Daddy,
Glenn, Al

Like an unfolding
flower, you have
been a source of
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Erin

Erin,
Keep going our "little brown-eyed girl." Your journey is but begun. "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." I Cor. 15:58.
Our love forever,
Mother, Daddy,
Callie, and Michael

It's been a long struggle. I hope the two of you have much success in your future endeavors. I love you and I am thankful that God gave you to me.

Love,
Mommy

Leslie,
You are a shining
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daughter can be —
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You are a shining
example of what every
parent wishes their
daughter was
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proud of
you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Steve — May success continue with you in the future — even though the future may be "up in the air" — We are very proud of you. May you always be the kind, loving compassionate person you are now.

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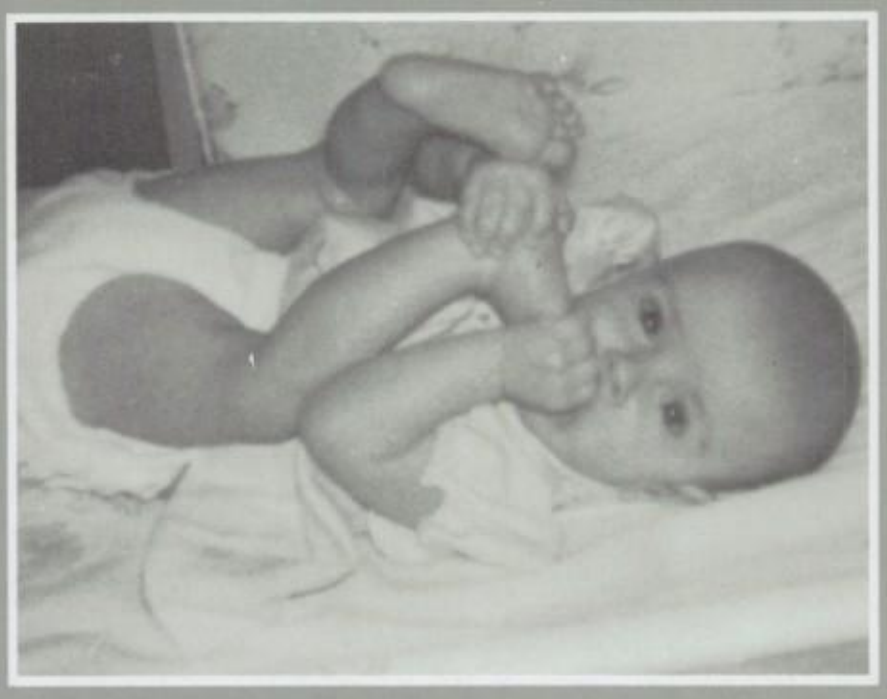

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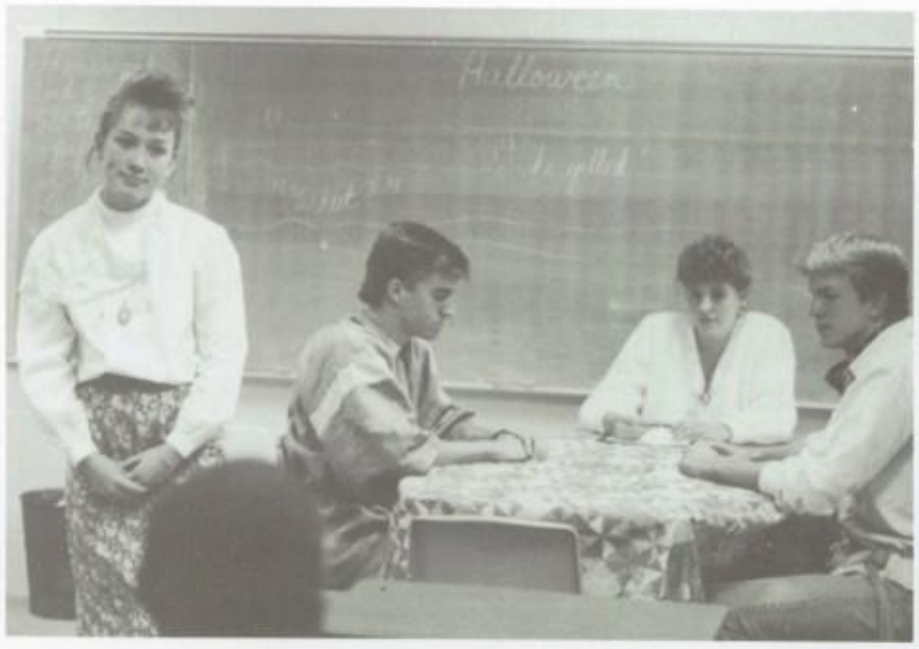

Melissa Thorne, Ben Ebel, Kim Hortman, and **Ryan Brown** portray a scene from *Far From the Madding Crowd* during Mrs. Kathy Brown's English V Soar class.

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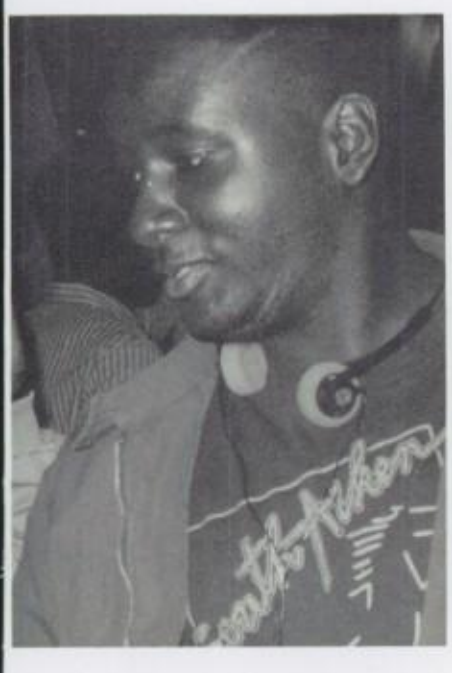

Al Chavous spends a moment of relaxation with his headphones in the Commons Area during Spirit Week.

Embracing his mother as his father looks on, **Bill Allen** receives his class ring at the Ring Ceremony, February 5.

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Lione Chitty shows the joy of eating an ice cream cone.

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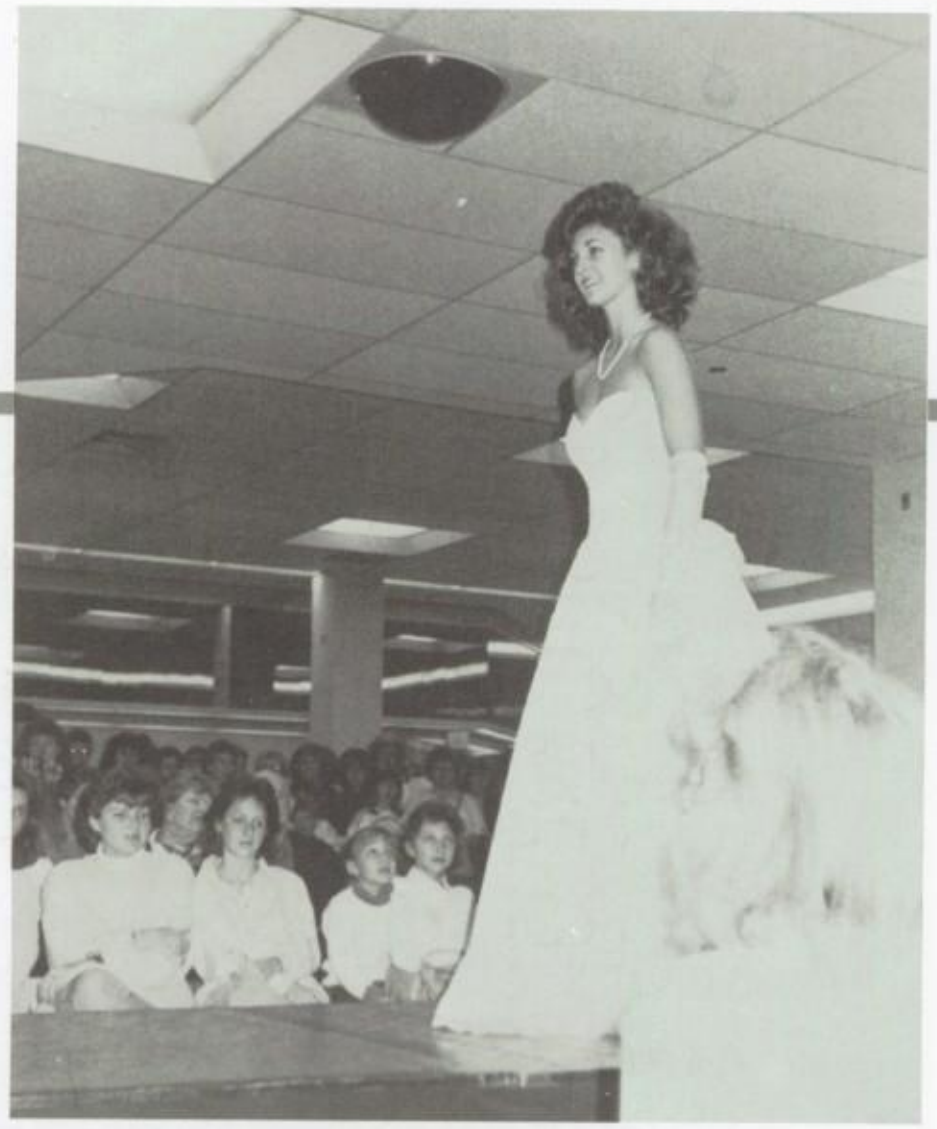
Tonya Smith shows off her charm during the fashion show of prom dresses at J. B. White on Saturday, February 6.



Bill Mitrik and **Steve Bone** exchange fashion tips prior to escorting models at the J. B. White fashion show.

Jason Woodward begins to sculpt a masterpiece during Ms. Merilyn Smith's art class.

A DIFFERENCE TO THE EIGHTH POWER

Refinement Brings New Firsts

Year eight for the South Aiken High School student body turned out to be its most unique yet. Having learned from past experiences, the student body, faculty, and administrators finally helped set traditions that are at last acceptable practice. Current problems facing our generation were squarely met by such student sponsored club programs as The Great American Smoke Out and Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week. With student clubs setting the example, the Student Council has gone above and beyond what has been done in the past to improve morale and open the gap in communication between students and faculty. The School Improvement Council, whose membership included students, parents, and teachers, accepted the challenge of realizing the problems facing the school and initiated the first steps toward solutions.

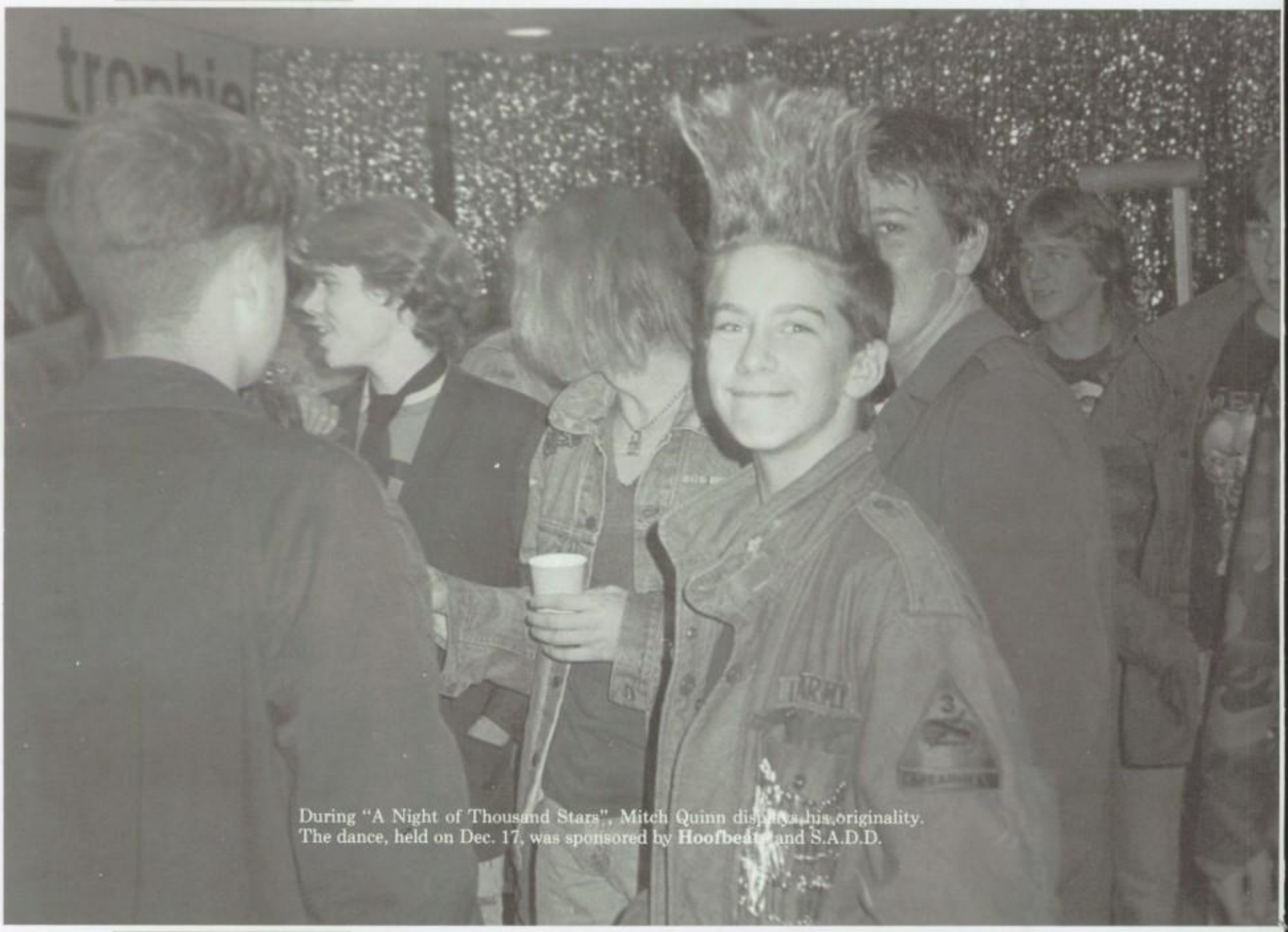
A DIFFERENCE TO THE EIGHTH POWER

Our Individuality Shines Through

This year, two new courses were added to the curriculum, Creative Writing and Teacher Cadet. Creative Writing gave students the opportunity to expand their imagination, and Teacher Cadet provided students with an opportunity to explore teaching as a career while earning three hours of college credit.

The "firsts" did not stop there. Instead of opting for the traditional Prom Night in the Commons Area, the junior class decided to hold the special event at Houndslake Country Club. Add to that the five snow days as Aiken's temperate climate changed to a North Pole style.

In a myriad of ways, students continued to display their individuality to both the school and community which once again proves that the Thoroughbreds are "Bred To Be Different!"



During "A Night of Thousand Stars", Mitch Quinn displays his originality. The dance, held on Dec. 17, was sponsored by **Hoofbeats** and S.A.D.D.